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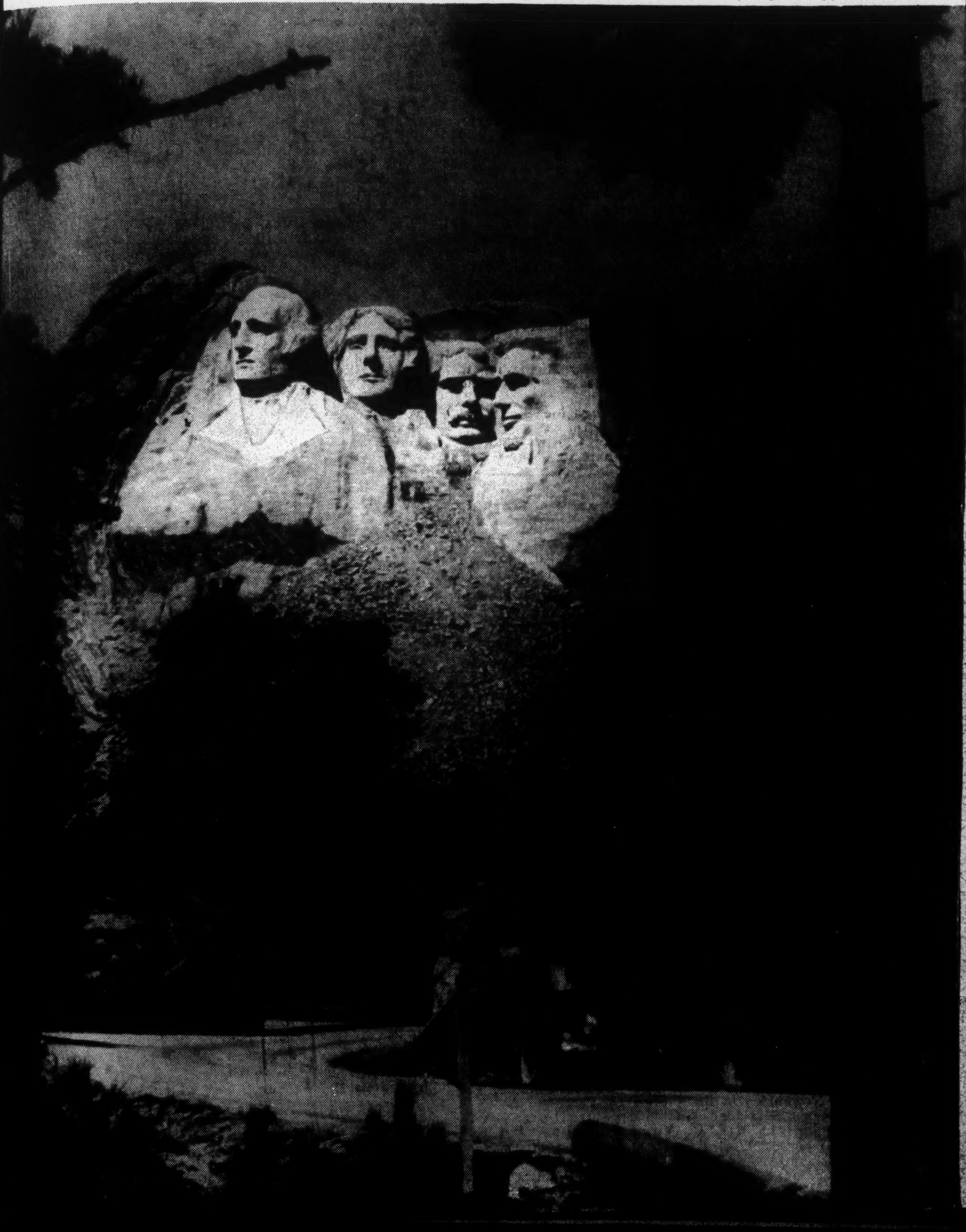

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THE GOD OF OUR FATHERS

God of our fathers, Whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine. *Amen.*

Daniel C. Roberts

Prayer for a Departing Missionary

Thou gavest her
We love so much—
Her useful life which gives us such
A joyful heart.
And oft apart
On bended knee
We offer up our praise to Thee,
Because Thou gavest her.

And Thou has called;
For Thou canst use
That life of hers to tell the news
Of Thy great love.
And from above
She heard Thy voice.
Her willingness makes us rejoice,
For Thou hadst called.

We give her up.
Lord, Thou dost know
How hard it is to see her go
So far away
And yet we pray
Through shining tears—
Our aching hearts He sees and cheers—
And thus we give her up.

Now she goes forth,
Thy message sweet
To tell in village, house, and street
Of distant land;
With busy hand
To help make whole
Men ill of body, sick of soul,
And gladly she goes forth.

We stay behind.
Our task we see
Is this: to lift up to Thee
With hands of prayer.
The work and care,
The hurts that sting—
All this to Thee in prayer we'll bring
Now that we stay behind.

We shall pray much;
For, Lord, we know
That oft discouragement and woe
Shall come her way.
Strengthen, we pray,
Encourage when
Her trials come. May she know then
That we are praying much.

"Until He come,"
We do not know
How we shall meet again—below
Or in the air.
But this our prayer.
Help us each day
To serve, to watch, to wait, to pray
Until the Savior comes.

—*Laura Sara Thiessen,*
In *Missionary Monthly.*

These lines borrowed from Missionary Monthly are dedicated to all missionary mothers but especially to the mothers of "The 26."

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Sixty-Fourth Annual Convention of the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS JUNE 22-25, 1948

Convention Theme: "Consider Christ"

MINUTES OF CONVENTION

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The organ prelude, *Adagio* (Symphonie V-Widor) by Frederick W. B. Monks, organist of Whitinsville United Presbyterian Church, and Convention organist, marked the opening of the Convention.

The Misses Helen Crouse, Alice Crouse, Nancy Marshall and Ann Brink served as pages, leading a processional of the Convention Officers, Editorial Staff of the *Women's Missionary Magazine*, Women's Board of Directors and the Local Committee, down the long center aisle of the flower-decorated chapel of Wellesley College where all but one session convened. The congregation joined in singing *God Is King Forever* (Psalter Hymnal 182) under the direction of the Precentor, the Reverend Vernon Butler, Ph.D. of the Providence, Rhode Island United Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Orville J. Fleming, Whitinsville, Massachusetts, first vice president, presided. She introduced the Reverend George L. Murray, D.D., pastor of the First Boston United Presbyterian Church for the Invocation.

Mrs. Grant B. Gibson, president, voiced the traditional words, "I now declare to be in session the Sixty-fourth Annual Convention of the Women's General Missionary Society of North America."

A solo, *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us* (Harrison) was presented by Dr. Butler.

Mrs. W. R. Scott, Maplewood, Missouri, second vice president, directed convention thinking in the opening worship service, using as her theme, "No One But God." She read Job 37:5-14, stressing the last verse, "Hearken unto this, O Job: Stand still and consider the wondrous works of God," as a background for the Convention theme, "Consider Christ" (Hebrews 3:1). To her theme she gave a three-fold emphasis:

1. God's wondrous works seen in the Universe. He is manifest as the Great Designer whose laws are beyond the comprehension of man.

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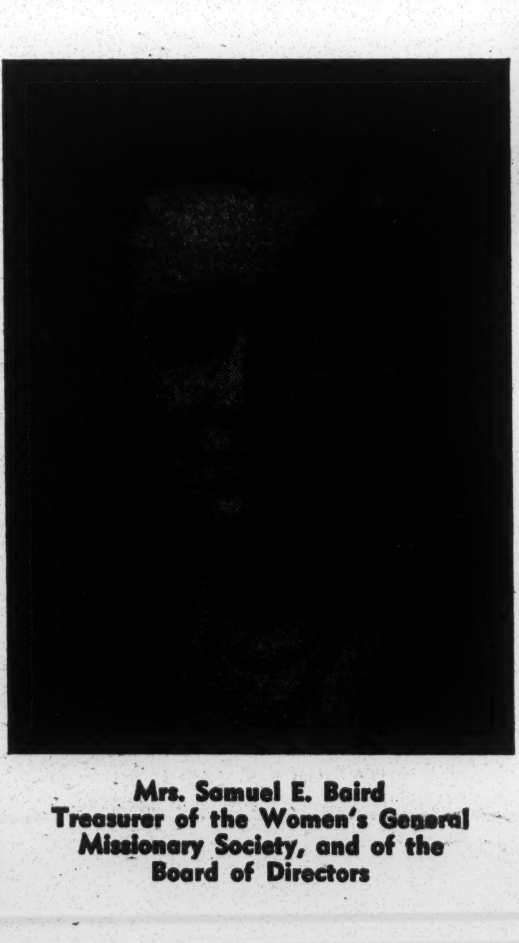

Mrs. Samuel E. Baird
Treasurer of the Women's General
Missionary Society, and of the
Board of Directors

2. God's wondrous works seen in flowers, trees, mountains, birds and other nature creations. She quoted the simple yet meaningful stanza:

> "O who can make a flower?
> I'm sure I can't, can you?
> O who can make a flower?
> No one but God, 'tis true."

3. God's wondrous works as Creator of man in His own image, endowing man with a physical body, an intelligent mind and an eternal soul.

She said, "God can take our ordinary abilities and make them extraordinary if we will but let Him." Her earnest plea was that each may catch a vision of service that will enable her to match, in the name of Christ, the devotion, zeal and sacrifices of our missionaries.

Mrs. J. L. R. de Morinni, special assistant to the President of Wellesley College, brought greetings in the unavoidable absence of President Mildred McAfee Horton. "It is," she said, "a pleasure and privilege to welcome you to Wellesley College." She told of the religious atmosphere which led to the founding of the college and which pervades its activities today. She mentioned a Bible, unearthed from the fire-scarred ruins of Old College Hall in 1914 which had been placed in the corner stone by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fowle Durant in 1871, and which bore the inscription: "This building is humbly dedicated to our Heavenly Father with the hope and prayer that He may always be first in everything in this institution; that His word may be faithfully taught here; and that He will use it as a means of leading precious souls to the Lord Jesus Christ." Mrs. Durant had also copied in this Bible the words of II Chronicles 29:11-16, and from the 127th Psalm, "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it." In 1855 this brilliant lawyer, Henry Fowle Durant, had bought much of the 300 acres of what is now the campus and was beautifying it for his little son, born that year. The child's death, eight years later, turned the father's attention to a sincere interest in the things of God and led him to dedicate his beautiful estate to the building of an institution for the education of girls, later named Wellesley College, the motto of which is "Not to be ministered unto but to minister."

Mrs. Morinni asked all in the Chapel to look at the famous bas relief Memorial to Alice Freeman Palmer, second of the six Presidents (all women) of Wellesley. The religious heritage is evident today in the required course in Bible, chapel services, and other Christian activities.

Mrs. George L. Murray, co-chairman of the Local Committee, brought greetings from Boston Presbyterial in a happy manner that showed the joy, solicitous care and plans of all responsible for Convention entertainment, in Shafer, Pomeroy and Cazenove Halls. She expressed the desire that each one in attendance at the Convention might receive the blessing of the Psalmist's prayer: "His large and great dominions shall from sea to sea extend, It from the river shall reach forth to earth's remotest end."

She introduced her Local Committee and mentioned special preparatory duties each had assumed. The following ladies composed the committee under the co-chairmanship of Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Fleming: Mrs. John W. Steele, Mrs. J. J. MacRitchie, Mrs. John MacRae, Mrs. James Ross, Mrs. Robert K. Marshall, Mrs. Stewart Gray, Mrs. William Nicholl, Mrs. Kenneth Gilroy, Mrs. Archibald Fulton, Mrs. Ralph Loper, Mrs. Robert Shaub, Miss Mary F. Smith and Mrs. Philip Holmes.

Mrs. Joseph M. Heagen, President of the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Board and delegates, responded to thse welcoming addresses. She recalled definite program features of the Convention held at First Church, Boston twenty-three years ago, in 1925. Miss Emma Dean Anderson had been Quiet Hour leader; Mrs. William G. Gilmore was President; Mrs. Anna Stoddard, on the Local Committee. She quoted from Mrs. Huber Ferguson's opening devotional service, "We have come to Boston to meet Jesus. We have an appointment to meet Him here." "Again," said Mrs. Heagen, "we have come for the same purpose" to this "hub city" rich in American traditions, patriots, statesmen and literary personalities dear to American hearts. Ours is an unfinished task. With Boston's care, when the closing day of this Convention comes we will say, "I was glad when they said, 'Come up to Boston and consider the wondrous works of God.'"

Mrs. Heagen presented the members of the Board of Directors and the Magazine Staff, all present except Mrs. Samuel E. Baird, Treasurer, detained at home because of illness.

Mrs. Fleming presented Mrs. Grant B. Gibson, president, who in turn presented her co-wrokers as "My Convention and your torchbearers."

The audience joined in singing *Ye Who His Temple Throng* (204) during the Recessional of the Board of Directors, Editorial Staff and Local Committee, and also during the second Processional, which included all who represented Home, Negro, Indian and Foreign Missions, led by the Secretaries of these departments: Mrs. Edgar B. Murdoch, Mrs. Russell K. Montgomery, Mrs. H. Ray Shear and Mrs. Arthur B. McBride. Each Secretary introduced her workers. The Recessional for this group was *O God Our Help in Ages Past* (168).

The climax came in the annual President's address on the topic, "The Consecrated Hand" developed from the devotional theme, "Consider the Wondrous Works of God." Mrs. Gibson noted what God has done through His Son, Jesus Christ, with hands consecrated to His service, and what He can do with our hands if we will dedicate our time and talents to Him.

The Shepherd's Rod, in the hand of Moses; the spear held aloft by Joshua; the lamps, pitchers and trumpets in the hand of Gideon and his brave three hundred; David's harp, the net in the hand of Peter and his companions; the alabaster vase in Mary's hand; and the needle in the hand of Dorcas were scriptural examples of the simple, everyday things used by God to accomplish His divine will.

The same challenging question to Moses in Exodus 4:2 was addressed to the convention: "What is that in thine hand?" Whether it be a broom, a pen, a typewriter, or the handclasp of friendship, the speaker suggested that all be used for God, "for when the Lord is with us, our weaknesses and our deficiencies become the occasion for the display of his all-sufficient grace, love and power."

Our hands, the hands of women of the twentieth century, are the symbol of all our powers and abilities, and if we hear God's voice calling, we, too, will get a vision of what God can do using the power in our hands. In conclusion she said, "The world needs many, many hands; large calloused hands, small feminine hands, skilled professional hands, holy uplifted hands, all working side by side, dedicated to the service of God and the building of the Kingdom of God on earth. Never have the words of Christ in John 4:35 had a greater challenge, "Behold I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

"What is that in thine hand? These words spoken to Moses, are a divine command today, for in our hands are ways and means, methods and techniques, both amazing and revolutionary, placed there by God, guided by His Spirit. We, the members of the Women's General Missionary Society, can work wonders in bringing the world to Christ."

The Convention Secretary led in the closing prayer, followed by the Postlude *Andante* (Concerto 1—Handel).

TUESDAY EVENING
Theme: Home Missions

Mrs. Edgar B. Murdoch, Mrs. H. Ray Shear and Mrs. Russell K. Montgomery, presiding.

Bach's *B Minor Prelude* preceded the worship service conducted by Mrs. P. H. Parker of Camden, Alabama. She called for all to sing *The Name of the Lord* (10) and offered prayer. Her chosen Scripture reading, Psalm 77:1-15 formed the background for her remarks on the Wondrous Works of God. She spoke of unhappy conditions in "my Father's world" which lead many to echo the question of Sojourner Truth, "Is God dead?" The Psalmist too was troubled long ago, as indicated in Psalm 77, yet he reasoned that God had really not forgotten him. God is good, the same yesterday, today and tomorrow, and worthy of more of our love, service and sacrificial giving. Her message was richly interspersed with Scripture quotations, including John 3:16; Psalm 50:12; Matthew 2:40 and John 21:5, and with appropriate human-interest stories. *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* (412) and silent expressed prayer closed this period of worship.

The combined choirs of the Quincy, Whitinsville, Newton, Providence, Brockton and Lawrence Churches, directed by Mr. Monks, sang the anthem *Consider and Hear Me* (Pslenger).

The Reverend E. W. Machamer, missionary to the Indians on the Warm Springs Reservation, Oregon, introduced by Mrs. Montgomery, gave an address on Today's Crisis—Tomorrow's Christian Opportunity." He told of the differences one finds among Indian tribes, yet stated that all have problems and that mission work among all Indians is slow. He cited problems that arise out of the higher wages Indians are receiving now, a condition prompting them to worldliness, selfishness, moral decline and dishonesty. Race consciousness leads them to harbor prejudice against the white man. These conditions are naturally reflected in the influence mission work has upon them. Religious life, too, is at a low ebb. Changes likely to occur include public-school education instead of reservation schools, which would prove helpful, according to Mr. Machamer, because of the competitive struggle Indians would need to wage against the Whites in the learning process. Paternalism is not good. "We must look on the Indian as a human being." Less prejudice would likely result if the closed-reservation system of Warm Springs were changed to open-reservation plans whereby the Indian could rent or sell his land to the white man if he so desired. In the changing situation of today the Indian may not admit he is lost, but may reason as did the Indian going through the woods who had lost his way and said, "Me not lost, wigwam lost."

To relieve the dark picture Mr. Machamer told of his Bible school attendance of 100, his Y.P.C.U. of 40, and an equal or greater number in evening worship service. "Our mission is sowing the Seed in the lives of Indian boys and girls. Let us all pray for this work."

Mrs. Murdoch's department was represented on the program by a violin solo *The Divine Redeemer* (Gounod) by Miss Isabel Hay, teacher of music at Frenchburg, and by an address, "The Heart of America" by Prof. William A. Heagen, Supt. of the Ezel, Kentucky School. Mr. Heagen brought greetings from Frenchburg and Ezel. He quoted from Jessie Stuart, a Kentucky poet who had caught the beauty of Kentucky which is neither of the East, South, North nor West, but the core of America, famous in ballads, folk music and stories.

"God never wastes anything," continued Mr. Heagen, "God has a purpose in everything. The mountain people are not hidden there without a purpose." He reviewed briefly our mountain work, manned by missionaries who go, not to teach the people the ways of East, West, North, South, but to teach them to develop their own resources. He told of the gradual growth and influence of the school and church at Ezel. The used-clothing department is kept open five days a week now. The County Board of Education assists financially in teacher salaries and in bus fares for elementary and high school pupils. But, there is still a definite need for the mission to train consecrated hands and hearts. A chapel service is held each day, the Bible is taught in the twelve grades, emphasis is placed on the evangelistic. Ezel, as its name signifies, is truly "a stone of pointing." The local community supports it, the lives and testimonies of graduates and students justify its existence as they go out as teachers, agricultural leaders and Christian home builders. He cited instances of Ezel life-blood flowing into other states in the personalities of teachers, doctors, nurses and pastors.

As needs that missionary women can supply now he mentioned the necessity for securing more teachers for 1948-49 who are willing to serve in this mission in the heart of America. Equipment for teaching vocational Agriculture is needed and a continuation of used-clothing gifts which are useful not only to the people but which assist in paying running expenses of the mission. Help with the school lunch program is another need. He asked for prayers that the mountain mission workers might be guided wisely in meeting the physical and spiritual needs of the people so that they, long hidden, may be used of God to fulfil His purpose.

The congregation stood to sing *To the Hills I Lift My Eyes* (249).

Mrs. H. Ray Shear introduced Mrs. N. D. Williams of Miller's Ferry, Alabama, representative of our oldest Home Mission work and the only center that conducts all of its own activities. Mrs. Williams brought greetings from southern Alabama, thanked the W.G.M.S. for the help given through sixty-four years, and spoke on the theme, "Program and Policy." She gave a brief historical sketch of the Negro mission work from its beginning to the good elementary school, high school and modern equipment that are found there today. She attributed much of the success to the material and spiritual gifts of northern friends. Departments of Home Economics, Scientific Agriculture, Music, Athletics, and all school activities are permeated with a religious emphasis which enrich the experience of Negro youth. A Junior Missionary Society, a Y.W.M.S., a Y.P.C.U., and Literary Societies are also part of the character-building program. She referred to various Negro leaders in whose training the consecrated hands of mission workers had a part. One is President of a college in Mississippi, another is a bishop in the A.M.E. Church and others are successful teachers, principals, farmers, and home makers. United Presbyterian work has not been in vain, given in the altruistic policy of building solid foundations of Christian education, rather than putting first the emphasis on denominationalism. She quoted Rev. 3:11 in closing.

The song *America* (44), prayer and benediction by the Rev. Ralph E. Ayers, pastor of the Frenchburg and Ezel, Kentucky Churches, were followed by the Postlude, *Fugue in B Minor* (Bach).

A reception in Alumnae Hall was given for delegates and visitors by Boston Presbyterial. In the formal reception line were Dr. and Mrs. George L. Murray, Dr. Anna P. White, Mrs. Grant B. Gibson, Mrs. Joseph M. Heagen and Dr. and Mrs. Orville J. Fleming. An instrumental trio from the Lawrence Church furnished music. Punch and wafers were served.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The organ prelude was entitled *Hark a Voice Sayeth All Our Motto* (Bach).

President Gibson read Psalm 37: 5-9 as the Morning Call to Worship.

Mrs. John W. Steele, Quincy, Massachusetts, had charge of the morning worship. After the congregation sang *When Morning Gilds the Skies* (323), she read Psalm 8 and offered prayer. In her comments she dwelt upon the matchless beauty in the glorious heavens where God's glory is magnified. No human artist—only God could make the glories of the dawn and the beauty seen in the velvety grass, flower colorings, a radiant sunset and all the wonders of animal life on this earth over which man, His crowning creation, has dominion. "Man allowed sin to enter his life. God sent His only Son to die on the cross that we through faith and the acceptance of His sacrifice might be His. He gave us the commission to be workers with Him." She closed with the congregational singing of *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* (366).

The Minutes of Tuesday afternoon and evening were read and approved.

The program was adopted as printed, subject to a few minor changes to be mentioned as they appear.

The President appointed the following committees:

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Mrs. Kenneth O. Martin (Butler)
Miss Mae Ireland (Conemaugh)
Mrs. Warren Brown (Wisconsin)

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Mrs. Arch Neale (Conemaugh) Chairman
Mrs. Thomas Newcomb (Women's Board)
Dr. M. Evelyn Cathcart (Foreign Missions)

An incomplete report of the Credential Committee indicated that 360, including visitors, have registered.

Mrs. H. Ray Shear presented an orchid to Mrs. Gibson, a gift sent by Mrs. J. A. Gibson, of Pittsburgh, Kansas, the mother of Mr. Gibson.

The Recording Secretary— Miss Edith L. McBane, after calling herself a "Jack of all trades" reported the year's activities of the Board of Directors (Page 673).

Mrs. Joseph M. Heagen, prompted by the reference of Miss McBane to the change in the personnel of the *Magazine* Staff, called Dr. Anna P. White to stand beside her on the platform. In wonderment Mrs. White obliged, only to find herself the recipient of many beautiful and well-deserved words of tribute for her twenty-three years of faithful editorship of "the finest *Magazine* in the world." Mrs. Heagen recalled that it was before the 1925 Boston Convention had adjourned that Mrs. White was elected to the Magazine Committee. She remarked that at Boston Mrs. White had used Revelation 12, in comparing the growth of the *Magazine* to the growth of a tree that bore twelve manner of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. With consecration and devotion Mrs. White has seen that the "Magazine Tree" has yielded precious fruit monthly. Mrs. Heagen expressed her personal affection for and the love of countless people in our denomination to whom Mrs. White and her words of encouragement have been a continuous inspiration. Mrs. Heagen closed with, "If we were in India we would place garlands around your neck, but instead I shall adorn your wrist. Because of our great love and admiration for you and appreciation of the work you have done, in the name of the W.G.M.S. I present to you this wrist watch."

"Blessed is that woman of whom
some soul can say
She was an inspiration along Life's
toilsome way,
A well of springing water, a fountain
flowing free,
Forever like her Master, in tenderest
sympathy."

Mrs. White graciously expressed thanks for the wrist watch, spoke of her joy in the Magazine work, recalled years of happy friendship with the one selected to succeed her, then asked that the congregation stand as a pledge of loyalty to the newly-appointed editor, who will complete her unexpired term.

Mrs. E. D. McKune asked for the privilege to speak of her love and admiration for Mrs. White, of shared happy experiences, and requested the prayers, understanding and forbearance of the women of the Church in this new work as her successor.

Mrs. Gibson also paid tribute to the understanding helpfulness of Mrs. White in Convention planning.

The certificate of audit from Main and Company, certified public accountants, Pittsburgh for all Board members who handle finances, was read and adopted, carrying with it the adoption of the following reports to be made by the W.G.M.S. Treasurer, Business Manager of the Junior Missionary Magazine, and by the Secretaries of Literature, Parsonage and Financial Departments.

The Treasurer's Report — Mrs. Samuel E. Baird (read by Mrs. H. Ray Shear) (Page 681). "The receipts from all sources totaled $712,308.27. . . Our total disbursements for the year amounted to $1,023,525.79 which is $292,587.43 more than last year. Note that approximately $370,000 was disbursed from funds other than current receipts, to take care of non-recurring expenses, investments, including parsonage loans. The latter two in addition to amounts repaid during the year. Thus current expenditures were kept within current receipts."

Motions, made by various persons, prevailed that greeting telegrams be sent to Mrs. Samuel E. Baird, Treasurer; to Mrs. O. H. Milligan, former President of the Board and

Thank Offering Secretary; and to Mrs. J. D. Sands, former President of the Board and Secretary of Foreign missions.

Miss Edith L. McBane moved that all missionaries who are not certified delegates be accorded voting privileges and a seat in the missionary section of the chapel. Voted unanimously.

The audience stood to sing one stanza of the Convention song, *Jehovah Sits Enthroned.*

The Parsonage Secretary — Mrs. William L. Neal (Page 678). She told of final payments made on parsonage mortgages, and of grants given to assist in the repairing and remodeling of parsonages under the denomination's Town and Country Church program.

The Temperance and Reform Secretary—Mrs. G. Virgil Hutchison, acting Secretary (Page 705). Displayed free Temperance literature, available to all from Lit. Dept.

The Foreign Secretary—Mrs. Arthur B. McBride (Page 738). In this first section of her report entitled "Making Christ Known Across the Sea" Mrs. McBride suggested that all read the splendid first-hand reports of all missionaries in the July-August *Missionary Magazine* as a means of knowing how to follow Christ into new areas of our work. Inasmuch as there is no missionary present from Ethiopia, Mrs. McBride told of lepers roaming the country there for whom a leper colony is needed. Doors are also open for helping the many blind persons in Ethiopia.

The Financial Secretary — Mrs. William L. Neal (Page 680). This department is concerned with administrative expenses.

The Testamentary and Annuity Secretary—Mrs. Samuel E. Baird (Read By Mrs. Shear) (Page 683).

Mrs. Charles Wright Fulton addressed the Convention on the theme, "The Joint Committee on Church Union." Briefly she outlined the work of the Committee to date regarding the proposed union of the United Presbyterian Church and Reformed Church in America. Their ancestors lived in Holland; ours in Scotland. Each had high Christian standards and similar doctrines. Today in America the Reformed congregations are located in a line roughly north of our U.P. Churches. The union which had formed our United Presbyterian Church in 1858 was twenty years in the making. Whether these negotiations take twenty years, or never result in organic union, it has been mutually good for the 21 members of each denomination to meet in joint committee. Mrs. Harold Brinig and Mrs. Edith Walvoord from the Reformed Church and Mesdames Fulton, White and McKune have been the women representatives on this committee. In October, 1947 nine representative women from each denomination held a two-day meeting in Pittsburgh to formulate a possible working plan for the united women's work in case of union. They found differences and similarities but no insurmountable difficulties that would prevent a strong woman's organization. These plans have already been approved by our Women's Board of Directors. Mrs. Fulton called for approval of this Board action by the Convention. Upon motion of Mrs. J. K. Stewart of Los Angeles the affirmative vote was unanimous.

Mrs. E. Joe Vandervort of Illinois Southern Presbyterial, opened her first of two Quiet Hours with the singing of the Quiet Hour Chorus, *O God of Our Salvation* from Psalm 65 (116). She asked that we first consider Christ, then that each one consider herself as alone in this great chapel, consecrating herself anew to Christ. She called the Quiet Hour verses, Ephesians 3:16-19, the deepest of all of Paul's recorded prayers. All joined her in silent, directed prayers for growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and in the hearts of all mankind throughout the whole world. Dr. M. Evelyn Cathcart closed with audible prayer. As she thought of Christ in the heart and of our being strengthened with might by His power, developing especially Ephesians 3:16, Mrs. Vandervor mentioned various forms of power in the hands of mankind today, used in industry, commerce and transportation, then added, "Paul in our text was not praying about man-made power but the power that comes from God, seen everywhere in his creations about us. In the midst of the wonderment of God's power we feel His perfectness. By God's Power the earth, the seas, and Man was created. God called it good. But man fell into the depths of sin, and God in His compassion sent Christ who bore our sins on the cross... We are His witnesses... The Spirit must completely control and master our lives... The world must receive spiritual nourishment through the service of Christians." Quietly she closed with prayer, quoting "Into My Heart."

Postlude—*Allegro* (Maestoso-Peeters).

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Organ Prelude *Romance* (Bonnet) featured the opening of the afternoon program.

In her worship service Mrs. William H. Norris, Allegheny Presbyterial, called for the singing of *All Hail the Power* (325) led by Dr. Archibald Fulton, pastor of the Brockton United Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Norris read Psalm 24 as the foundation truth for her remarks on "This Seeking World—God's Lordship Extolled". She said, "This is a seeking world. Seeking is all right, but Christ asks, 'What seek ye?'" She asked each one to search her own heart to discover and evaluate that which she most desires. If our quest be for peace and happiness are we seeking them through material things only? Jesus answers, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness." Christ is available to all who seek Him. He is adequate for all our needs. Mrs. Norris offered a prayer of petition that people may seek those things which make for peace.

Young Women's Secretary—Miss Ida B. Little (Page 702). From her report Miss Little selected "Seven Facts" to demonstrate that the teen-age girl is often the missing link in a continuous missionary chain which extends in age limits from little Light Bearers to Women's Societies. Seven young women assisted her: Margaret Campbell, Elizabeth Sutherland, Mary Louise Carson, Esther Jane Snodgrass, Patricia Ann Knoer, Joan Yilek, and Jean Moore. Through the use of cardboard chain links and of posters they demonstrated seven reasons that keep churches from organizing teen-age groups. On the posters were these words: *No Girls; No Interest; No Time; Mother Says; No Night; No Money; No Sponsor.* When the church realized its responsibility and added the teen-age links, the whole chain became strong, and the former posters (turned over) expressed the attitude of missionary-minded teen-agers: *I Am Ready.*

The Class A Banner (for highest efficiency grade in Presbyterials with more than 150 young women members) was awarded to Cleveland for 80%; The Class B Banner (less than 150 members) to Idaho for 85%.

The Women's Secretary—Mrs. G. Virgil Hutchison (Page 674). Eight societies made 100% efficiency grade. Eighteen Presbyterials were given ribbons for being on the Honor Roll, so called because they had either a Women's or Young Women's Society in each congregation and all reports had been sent in on time. Class A

Increase-in-Membership Banner (700 or more members in Presbyterial) was awarded to Los Angeles Presbyterial; Class B Banner (less than 700 members) to India Presbyterial. The Efficiency Banner went to Idaho.

"Making Christ Known with the Printed Page" was the program caption used to designate the reports of the Editor and Treasurer of the *Women's Missionary Magazine.*

The Magazine Editor's Report—Dr. Anna P. White (Page 693). During Dr. White's report the Pages passed offering plates for the annual Magazine Shower.

The Magazine Treasurer's Report—Mrs. Ralph H. Arnold (Page 694). This report was preceded by the adoption of the report sent by the auditor, Mr. John N. Hepburn, accountant, which carried with it the adoption of Mrs. Arnold's financial report.

Dr. White and Mrs. Arnold presented a speaking-choir demonstration entitled "W.G.M.S. Outreach—the Watchword is Advance" which had been adapted by Mrs. White. Six delegates assisted them: Mrs. T. Vanderweele, Mrs. Kenneth White, Mrs. Thomas R. Sarver, Mrs. Harvey Philips, Miss Margaret Upstill and Mrs. Herman King. The aim was threefold:

1. To show the background of the great missionary plan laid down by Jesus Christ and how it lives and works today.
2. To bring to light the fact that 2/3 of the women and girls of our own denomination are having no part in this great missionary enterprise; they are not interested because they do not know either the gospel or the program of the church.
3. The duty of enlisting such women through different channels but particularly through *The Women's Missionary Magazine.*

Free copies of the Speaking-Choir demonstration may be obtained from the Lit. Dept.

Without accompaniment the congregation stood to sing the Convention Song.

Mrs. E. J. Vandervort in introducing her second Quiet Hour called for the singing of the Quiet Hour Chorus. She reminded her listeners that it is not difficult to "consider Christ" here in this beautiful chapel with its stained glass windows at the front, one of which bears the motto, "God is love." Linking up her meditation with her Quiet Hour of the forenoon she said, "Paul's prayer continues 'That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, that ye being rooted and grounded in love . . .'" With bowed heads all joined in silent, directed prayer that Faith and Love might be the light of each life and Miss Ruth Ardrey closed with prayer aloud. Going further into Paul's wonderful prayer for Christians to consider what Christ wants them to do, she said, "Christ came to make His home within our hearts, not to be a guest, but a constant dweller there. Through faith we prepare our hearts for him by "sweeping" impurities from our mind and by "dusting" our heart furnishings of unselfishness, joy, kind words and understanding of others. The hearth-fires of our hearts must radiate the warmth of His love. The windows of our soul must be clean and bright. She gave definitions and attributes of Faith, justifying with a series of Scripture quotations our right because of our Christian faith, to claim God's precious promises concerning rest, peace, companionship, constancy and everlasting security.

"Faith is needed all the way
Faith to toil and faith to pray
Faith to learn and faith to teach
Faith to practice and to preach
Faith to start each day anew
Faith to do our duty too.
Faith to help the weak along
Faith to bear, in patience wrong
Faith to smile though sad within
Faith to conquer every sin

Faith to ask Him for His care
While we earthly trials bear
Faith to smother every sigh
Faith to live and faith to die."

She closed with the words, "Faith is the lily's root; Love is the lily's bloom. Consider Christ, then believe and love, for God is love."

Mrs. Holt, literature Secretary, called attention to the new, attractive booklet just off the press, *Assembly Assigned* which gives a brief resume of all work of the W.G.M.S. and announced the presentation of a copy to each one present. (Copies may be purchased from the Lit. Dept.)

The Junior Secretary — Mrs. Charles Wright Fulton (Page 698). As two men were walking through a field the guest remarked about the fine sheep of his host. "Yes," said the other, "I tend to my lambs." The symbolism of Christian-nurtured children growing into Christian adults is apparent. Mrs. Fulton enlisted the help of a "visual aid" in the form of a small suit case labeled "Junior Journey" applying her symbolism to "Around the World with the Bible" the study theme of her 13,012 Juniors in 574 Societies during 1947-48. From the suitcase she took objects, such as the Junior Prayer Cycle, Coin Card, Junior Missionary Magazine, Thank Offering Box, etc., all accompaniments of the year's journey made by Juniors.

Banners for membership gains were presented to Philadelphia and Mansfield Presbyterials, and the efficiency banner to Wisconsin Presbyterial.

The Junior Missionary Magazine —Editor's Report—Mrs. J. M. Heagen (Page 700) and *Financial Report*—Mrs. Charles Wright Fulton (Page 701). Because the Junior Magazine has reached its golden anniversary year, Mrs. Heagen displayed a copy of the first volume.

Mrs. Fulton introduced a clever skit by saying that although Mrs. Heagen had been a good editor there were certain complaints for which she must stand trial before the Judge, impersonated by Mrs. Thomas H. Newcomb, in black academic gown. Four "Complaints" appeared, Miss Flora Jameson, Mrs. Mary L. Coventry, Miss Ray Huffman and Miss Evlyn Fulton. The first four somberly gowned, represented non-Christian women in our mission lands, each telling what havoc information in the Junior Magazine had wrought in India, Egypt and the Sudan, leading children to doubt their inherited religions. Each declared, "That woman must be stopped from sending out more such magazines." Miss Fulton, representing Liquor Interests, carrying "Three Feathers," "Four Red Roses" and a box of Rum Toffey, declared that the Junior Missionary Magazine was ruining her business. To each complaint Mrs. Heagen replied, "I am guilty." As the Judge turned the culprit back to "Attorney Fulton" for punishment, a happy surprise came in words of tribute Mrs. Fulton paid to Mrs. Heagen for the twenty-five years during which she has used consecrated hands to edit the Magazine with its outgoing messages of truth to combat darkness. She presented Mrs. Heagen with a circlet-of-gold pin, much to the surprise of Mrs. Heagen.

Miss Flora Jameson closed with prayer, followed by the Postlude *Chaconne* (Couperin).

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Foreign Missions Program

Mrs. Arthur B. McBride, presiding

Convention delegates and guests were transported by bus through the rain from Wellesley College to the First Boston United Presbyterian Church, Newton, Massachusetts.

The organ prelude was *First Movement from the Second Organ Choral* (Franck).

Mrs. McBride expressed joy that the Foreign Missions program had been scheduled for this beautiful church, and stated that the program would proceed without announcement.

Mrs. Harris J. Stewart, Gujranwala, Pakistan, representing missionary wives, led the devotional service. *The Earth and the Fulness* (40) was her opening congregational song. Her Scripture consisted of a chain of Old Testament verses, beginning with Genesis 1:1, woven together to show the wondrous works of God. Likewise, she read selected New Testament verses that gave emphasis to the Convention theme, "Consider Christ." She closed with prayer.

Mrs. W. R. Coventry, Benha, Egypt, spoke on "Messengers of Light." With the Scripture passage on Egypt, Isaiah 19:19-22, she connected Luke 9:10-15, the account of the Feeding of the Five Thousand. Christ is working in this Muhammadan land of Egypt today. Do we really believe the words of the Scripture that God will bless Egypt? The way may be difficult, but the promise stands.

In imagination Mrs. Coventry took her listeners to Benha, capital of a province of 1,000,000 people, of whom 98% are Muhammadan. Though they still deny Christ, we may know that He looks on them with compassion and expects us to be diligent in "feeding them." She compared the spiritual darkness of Egypt to the total physical darkness of Carlsbad Caverns. From her wide store of experience as a missionary she shared incidents in the lives of Egyptians that indicate that the faithful sowing of the Seed is bearing Fruit. Doors are open. Feeding the multitude the Bread of Life is the way of Christian workers. Christ's example is our apology for foreign missions. Christ did two things with the lad's lunch—He blessed it and he broke it. "There is usually a breaking with a blessing; usually a blessing with a breaking." Let us pay the price in what it will mean to make Christ known in Egypt."

Dr. Emile Sayegh of Tanta Hospital, studying in New York during the summer, came to the Convention as a guest, bringing his wife and little daughter, Eva. He expressed his honor in being an ambassador, bearing greetings from the Staff of Tanta Hospital. He was grateful for the gifts and missionaries that had made possible mission work in Egypt. "We in Egypt are disappointed when we think you are disappointed about us. We do feel that our work is getting somewhere. Prayers there are being offered right now for this Convention. He asked that all might work together in faith and unity. He quoted lines from Kipling's famous *Ballad of East and West*, changing one word to read thus:

"But there is neither East nor West, Border, nor Breed, nor Birth,
When *Christians* stand face to face, tho' they come from the ends of the earth."

Miss Evelyn M. Duncanson of First Boston sang *How Beautiful Upon the Mountains* (Harker).

Miss Ruth I Ardrey, Sialkot, Pakistan, introduced an original dramatization "In an Indian Waiting Room" in which she was assisted by Miss Ella M. Gordon, retired India missionary, Dr. M. Evelyn Cathcart, Rawalpindi, Pakistan, Dr. Vida J. Graham, Pathankot, India, and by Ora Anabelle Murray and Robert Gillis, two children of First Boston Church. Two benches made quickly by placing chairs together on either side of the pulpit formed the stage setting. Into this waiting room came Miss Gordon, the Indian ayah (nursemaid) followed by Miss Cathcart, heavily veiled in the Muhammadan bourka, with her little daughter, also veiled. Because they were in the women's part of the waiting room they removed their veils and in so doing, revealed rich Muhammadan dress. They fanned and did fancy work—and listened to the conversation of two Christian women, wearing the India sari, who were occupying the bench on the other side. The one, impersonated by Miss Graham, recalled incidents in her life in the Girls' School at Sialkot, telling of the exciting days getting ready to go to school and of her preparation to be a teacher. The other, represented by Miss Ardrey, told of the poverty of her parents but that she had been given a scholarship by some one in America to attend the Avalon Girls' High School in Pathankot. Finally the Muhammadan woman could be quiet no longer, but interrupted the conversation to say that she too had once attended a Christian School, at Rawalpindi, but had married a Muslim, and though in her heart she was a Christian, she had never confessed Christ openly. . . Then the train was called and the women hastened out to go their various ways. This "visual-aid" method emphasized in a not-to-be-forgotten manner the benefits of education in mission schools over that offered in government schools, and also showed the appreciation of students and their feeling of responsibility to teach others concerning Christ.

The Choir of First Boston Church sang the anthem, *The Heavens are Telling* (Haydn).

The audience stood to sing the second stanza of *Come, Let us Sing Before the Lord* (180).

"Girl's Schools of the North Sudan" was the topic Miss Marguerite McClellan of Khartum North, explained in a graphic manner. Schools supported by the W.G.M.S. are five in number in North Sudan: two in Atbara, eight miles from Khartoum; one in Gereif, five miles across the desert from Khartoum; and two in Khartoum North. These institutions minister to the educational needs of between 800 and 900 girls. She named workers in each (Consult Prayer Cycle). She told of problems, one of which is the teaching of Bible in the newly-acquired Atbara schools, taken over from the British Church Missionary Society in which Muslim girls had by request been excused from the Bible period. Our mission kept to its policy of expecting all pupils to attend chapel and Bible classes until opposition became so strong that for the remainder of the school year objectors were excused. However, the emphasis will be clear cut next fall and those who object may send their children elsewhere. The children are eager to attend, not wanting vacation to come. Educational ventures are reaching into the homes with mothercraft and Bible lessons. In spite of spurts of fanatical opposition the outlook is definitely forward. She mentioned especially the outreach that is ever widening in the Girls' Boarding School in Khartoum North in its nursery, kindergarten, Club work, care of orphans, daily vacation Bible Schools, sewing classes for older girls, child-care classes, etc. "The Holy Spirit is touching lives in the Sudan. God is calling those who are willing to give up all for Christ's sake.

Miss Ray Huffman, R.N., of Nasir, Sudan, was the last speaker of the evening. From her inspiring message "Treading Nuer Paths" it was learned that the South Sudan is welcoming the messages of Christ. Missionaries are having good reception, however the task is not yet done. Special emphasis is needed now on taking the message to the villages, in training teachers, and in preparing literature for the newly-literate. Miss Huffman quoted, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord," applying it to herself and her twenty years of past service giving "pills to pagans" whereas her future work is to be more definitely evangelistic among Nuer women, going into their homes and helping them in whatever way is needed. She told of her pioneer ventures in this approach, assisted by a native helper. Teams are now visiting regularly in many homes. "I believe," she said, "that I can accomplish more by hitting one nail on the head ten times than ten nails one time." She said that when a Nuer knows the Word he does not forget it, but the learning process is strenuous. When the Nuers express amazement that the white woman comes to their villages through the heat and over rough paths she tells them, "I come only because I have a big message to tell you." This going to them has done more than anything else to make them know that Christ is of the Nuer village as well as in the mission compound. It has been found helpful to send leaflets of "Paper that can talk" where one's heart wants to go, but where one's feet cannot go. Miss Huffman's closing words were, "More consecrated feet and hearts are needed. Do you know where we will get them? The Lord has need of them."

Dr. W. D. Mercer of Bolivar, Pennsylvania, pronounced the evening benediction. After the postlude *Finale* (Fifth Symphony — Widor) a delightful reception and social hour was given in the church parlor by the hostess church.

THURSDAY MORNING

Organ Prelude, *Help Lord with strength* (Zuechiel).

Morning Worship by Mrs. A. F. Huish on "The City and River of God" from Psalm 46. Following the song *O God our Help* (168) and the Responsive Reading (Selection 41) Mrs. Huish quoted, "There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of our God." This river is different from the Nile, dirty and germ laden. It ministers to the city's purification instead of being a drain for its pollution. Everything bathed in it become pure and fair. Anyone may drink of it without money and without price. It will continue to flow until the city of man becomes the city of God. This river represents what the church of God should do. Its source is the throne of God. Not overcome by the world, it overcomes the world. It alters, not obsorbs, the character of its environment. It transforms, not conforms. May the Church, as this divine River, flow through and purify cities in all lands.

The singing of *As Pants the Hart* (77)

The Place Committee. Mrs. Ivan B. Clayton, chairman, reported an invitation from Arkansas Valley Presbyterial and Sterling College. She read parts of cordial invitations that had come from the Presbyterial; from Dr. William McCreery, President of Sterling College; from Dr. Howard D. McCalmont, pastor of the Sterling U. P. Church; from the Sterling Chamber of Commerce; and from the Women's and Janet Nesbitt Societies of the Sterling Church. The convention unanimously accepted this invitation to Kansas, "land of goldern grain, waving in the breeze" as described by Mrs. Clayton.

Several mesages of greetings were read by the President, including a letter from Mrs. M. Earle Collins, the 1947 W.G.M.S. President.

The Credential Committee reported:

Officers of the Convention	4
Board of Directors	13
Magazine Staff	2
Presbyterial Delegates	161
Women's Association of N.A.	1
Women's Asociation of West	1
Foreign Missionaries (Egypt 2; India 4; Pakistan 4; The Sudan 3)	13
Home Missionaries (Mountain and City 9; Indian 2; Negro 3)	14

Life Directors not elsewhere	4
Life Members not elsewhere	64
Total voters registered	277
Non-voting registered Visitors	87
Grand total registered	364

Mrs. Thomas R. Sarver, Chr.
Mrs. Helen Allen
Miss Evlyn Fulton
Mrs. Earl Boord
Mrs. R. E. Johnson
Miss Frances McCall
Mrs. R. K. McCraw

The Roll was called.

The Nominating Committee's report was accepted. Names were added from the floor and balloting for the Convention officers and five Board members followed.

FOREIGN MISSIONS ADVANCE PROGRAM

was presented as follows by Miss Edith L. McBane, and is herewith recorded in the Minutes.

"The present chaotic conditions throughout the world challenge Protestant Christianity to immediate action. Never was the situation more critical nor the opportunities for Christian expansion greater. Many Christian leaders are convinced that the secret of permanent peace is ONE WORLD IN CHRIST and that the time has come when our churches must launch an advance in foreign missions many times larger than what has been done before, or pay a far greater price for our neglect. Recognizing the urgency of the hour, twenty-six mission Boards, all of which are constituent members of the Foreign Missions Conference, are planning a great Program of Advance in Foreign Missions. Our United Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions and our Women's General Missionary Society are both participating in it. Committees of the Foreign Missions Conference have spent months in developing a program outlining the needs of the vast mission fields of the world and the requirements for meeting them.

"The first public presentation of this Program of Advance will be made at a nation-wide, interdenominational Assembly in Columbus, Ohio, on October 6-8, 1948. There 3,500 delegates from all parts of the United States and Canada will have presented to them the urgent need of the peoples of the world for Christ, the comprehensive overseas program and the responsibility of the churches to provide the personnel and financial support necessary to realize the program. In this gathering twenty places have been allotted to the United Presbyterian Church.

"Following this Assembly, from October 19 to November 19, there will be launched a series of interdenominational meetings in thirty-six selected cities across the continent. The Board of Foreign Missions and the Women's General Missionary Society plan to cooperate in twenty-one of these cities which are United Presbyterian centers. These are marked with an asterisk in the accompanying schedule:

"In each city there will be a two-day program consisting of a large interdenominational rally on the evening of the first day, and separate denominational meetings during the remainder of the time. The meetings for our own constituency will probably include a women's meeting on the afternoon of the second day, a dinner, and a mass meeting in the evening. Three teams composed of United Presbyterian missionaries and Board members plan to visit these cities. Both Boards have appointed representatives to serve on local committees for arranging these meetings. We urge every member of the Women's General Missionary Society to give her cooperation and support to the entire Foreign Missions Advance Program and ask as many as possible to participate in the regional meetings."

FOREIGN MISSIONS PROGRAM OF ADVANCE

Schedules of Simultaneous Meetings—October 19 to November 19, 1948

Revised schedule as of June 15, 1948

Date	*Eastern*	*Midwestern*	*Southern*	*Pacific Coast*
Oct. 19-20	*Boston	*Detroit	Charlotte	
Oct. 21-22	*Albany	*Chicago	Richmond	
Oct.24-25	Montreal			
Oct. 26-27	*Rochester	*Milwaukee		
Oct. 28-29	Harrisburg	Minneapolis	Jackson	
Oct. 31—Nov. 1		Winnipeg *Des Moines		
Nov. 1-2	Toronto			
Nov. 2-3				Vancouver
Nov. 3-4			Birmingham	
Nov. 4-5	*Washington			*Seattle
Nov. 5-6			Nashville	
Nov. 8-9		*Denver	*Oklahoma City	*Portland
Nov. 9-10	*Pittsburgh			
Nov. 11-12	*Cleveland	*Lincoln	Dallas	*Fresno
Nov. 15-16			Houston	
Nov. 16-17	*Indianapolis	*Kansas City		*San Francisco
Nov. 18-19	Louisville	*St. Louis	Atlanta	*Los Angeles

For further information consult your Foreign Mission Board Secretary

FOREIGN MISSIONS ASSEMBLY, Columbus, Ohio, October 6-8, 1948

The audience stood to sing the Convention Song.

The Literature Secretary—Mrs. Walter H. Holt (Page 695). The old rhyme

"Something old and something
new
Something borrowed and something blue"

was Mrs. Holt's method of presenting how to "Make Christ Known Through Literature." Under the *old* she classed the *Prayer Cycle* and organizational literature. The **new** is found in up-to-date items in our church papers and the *Women's Missionary Magazine.* Something *borrowed* included Stewardship books from other denominations and M.E.M. Study books. For something *blue* she displayed the new booklet *Assembly Assigned* and *There's a Job for You,* by Miss Ruth Ranson,

The Thank Offering Secretary—Mrs. Thomas H. Newcomb, Mrs. John W. Steele and Mrs. J. J. MacRitchie presented a Thank Offering Skit entitled "Thank You Versus Indifference." (Obtainable in packet of 6 Skits, 10c, T.O. Dept., 904 Publication Bldg., Pittsburgh). Mrs. Newcomb announced that henceforth there is no postage on T. O. materials. She explained that regular and Memorial Fund gifts are for the maintenance of regular work, whereas special or designated gifts of Life Directorships and Life Memberships are used for special building or repair work.

Miss Ruth Ranson, an executive secretary of the Reformed Church in America, was introduced as guest speaker. She brought greetings from the two Woman's Boards of the sister church. She mentioned various ties that already unite us, such as a mutual interest in the Vellore Medical Training School in India; the study materials of the Missionary Education Movement; The Foreign Missions Advance Program; the Home Mission Council. She told briefly of the beginnings of the

R.C.A. Women's work for Foreign Missions seventy years ago, until its recent merger with the Board of Foreign Missions, as authorized by General Synod. Women serve on the Joint planning board. The Women's Domestic Missions organization was effected also in the early days. She noted differences and similarities in our Women's work saying that we are not doing things the same way but we are doing about the same things. She named the mission fields we would gain at home and abroad by union. She expressed herself as favorable to union, but stated that she was not here for propaganda purposes. "We want to know God's will and then we will not be disappointed in the results. Pray much before you decide to do nothing about it."

Mrs. W. D. Mercer, Bolivar, Pennsylvania, led the third Quiet Hour on Paul's Prayer in Ephesians 3: 16-19, on the theme, "Measured with Love." The singing of the Quiet Hour chorus preceded her quotation of choice Scripture, mostly on the theme of love, then she requested silent directed prayers. She mentioned dire needs of the world today to which the unchanging love of Christ is the only answer. She brought precious thoughts on the breadth, length, depth and height of God's love. It is broad enough to include all races; as long as eternity; has a depth that stretches from heaven down to earth's lowest in sin and sorrow; in height it extends upward to heights sublime. How far have we gone in this love? How much of it do we use? She closed with a soul-searching prayer.

Postlude, *Andante* (Sonata VI—Mendelssohn)

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Organ Prelude, *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* (Bach).

The Hour of Remembrance, Mrs. William L. Neal, leader, was opened with the reading of Psalm I, Prayer, Singing of the 23rd Psalm (37), and the reading of Psalm 90. Mrs. F. C. McClanahan of Egypt offered the memorial prayer. Mrs. Neal paid tribute to two missionaries called Home during the past year.

Miss Laurella Dickson, a missionary to India from 1897 to 1936, was born near Newton, Iowa. Reared in a Christian home she heard a missionary sermon at the age of eleven which helped her decide to be a missionary. Of her Miss Emma Dean Anderson said, "She was a woman of prayer."

Miss Elizabeth Brinton Clarke, Washington, Pa. pased away April 11, 1948 after a lingering illness. She hed served for five years as our missionary at Westland, Pa., and later was ordained a Congregational minister, serving in the mid west.

Faithful, deceased members of missionary societies were also remembered, followed by prayer. Miss Joyce Steele, daughter of Mrs. John W. Steele of the Local Committee sang *God Understands Your Sorrows.*

> "He understands your sorrows
> Your deepest griefs he shares;
> Then let Him bear your burdens,
> He understands and cares."

Foreign Secretary. Mrs. McBride shared her time with Dr. Emile Sayegh of Tanta Hospital, Egypt. He told of poverty, epidemics and the spiritually blind among the 2,500,000 people in his province where 45% die before they are three years old. Tanta has only two hospitals the government and the mission, with a total of 160 beds. "The mission hospital is so crowded that we report not how many come to us, but how many we let stay. Patients may have to wait two days to get in. Is it not a sin to throw away the golden opportunity we have to make this hospital more adequately meet the needs?" He read Luke 9:1,2,62;10:2 as helpful Scripture in answering his questions. He referred to the miracle-power of discoveries and talents God has given to great Christian democracies and pled that this scientific and medical power be devoted to Christian service. The staff of Tanta Hospital, below pre-war level, must do 100% more work than in 1939. We dare not be deaf to the appeals of the sick. A list of what we have not at Tanta Hospital would lead the questioner to ask, "What do you have?" The answer would be, "More faith than anything else." "We need a Nurses'Training School, and we need to make our hospital a real medical center."

Mrs. McBride in continuing her report (Page 738) asked all to study these needs, pray and consecrate life and financial gifts to maintain the work we have and open new work.

Home Secretary—Mrs. Edgar B. Murdoch (Page 726). Mrs. Murdoch in noting the work of her department, defined the work of a Presbyterial missionary and told of the needs of Christian workers. She introduced Mrs. R. G. Russell of the Slovan Mission, Pa., and Miss Ruth Courter, Principal of Frenchburg School, who spoke briefly, describing the school as she first saw it and as it is now.

Negro Secretary—Mrs. H. Ray Shear (Page 720). Mrs. Shear told of her happy visit to the Alabama institutions at Commencement time. She introduced Prof. N. D. Williams of Miller's Ferry, Alabama. Prof. Williams recalled that in 1913 he first began work there. He said, "Dr. McGranahan called me on the telephone and told me to get ready to go to Miller's Ferry at once. I decided to take orders and said I would go for one year. After that one year I had intended leaving. Dr. Johnson said to me, 'You have worked too hard not to come back.' So I went back and have been there 35 years, and great has been the reward." Observing the success of his students has been the greatest reward. He thanked the Women's Board for bringing him and his wife to this Convention which he called their honeymoon trip for it was the first time in the thirty-three years of their married life that they have taken any trip together.

The closing prayer by the Reverend E. W. Machamer and the Postlude, *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* (Neumark).

A tour of Historic Boston arranged by the Local Committee followed at 3:15. To Mrs. E. H. Kenneke, delegate from Nampa, Idaho, the Secretary is indebted for this brief report. The tour director indicated such points of interest as Copley Square; Boston Public Library with 1,000,000 volumes, making it the second largest in the country; famous churches; the Back Bay District with its fine homes and smart shops; the beautiful public Gardens; famous statues of early heroes, statesmen and leaders; Park Square and Boston Commons; Faneuil Hall and the famous Oyster House. Then across the Charles River into Charleston with its Tower of North Church famed for Paul Revere's Ride; the Bunker Hill monument; Navy yards, and "Old Ironside;" into little Italy on Hanover Street; and into Antique Shops where one may buy anything wanted—or have it made to order.

THURSDAY EVENING

Part I. Thank Offering Service

Mrs. Thomas H. Newcomb, presiding

Organ Prelude, *Piece Herioque* (Franck).

The congregation stood during the Processional, *Sing to the Lord,* while Thank Offering bearers from each Presbyterial and foreign mission field marched in two by two and were seated at the front of the chapel.

Mrs. Newcomb gave the Call to Worship. Mrs. Ralph E. Ayers offered prayer, followed by an Amen response from the choir and by congregational response in singing *The Glorious Gates of Righteousness* (224). Mrs. Newcomb gave a highlight review of the Thank Offering since the first one, April 14, 1888 at which time almost $6000 was given by 143 societies. Tonight our 60th Thank Offering represents 2,170 societies.

Psalter Hymnal Selection 96 was read responsively to which was added a Responsive Question-and-Answer service between Mrs. Newcomb and the Thank Offering bearers. As she asked, "What is that in thine hand?" the bearers answered Roll Call by Presbyterials, by putting into a large Thank Offering Box on the pulpit an envelope containing a statement of the amount of the 1947 Thank Offering, which totaled $222,312.11 from Presbyterials in America. In costume Miss Evelyn Cathcart for India and Pakistan, Miss Marguerite McClellan for the Sudan, and Mrs. Mary Coventry for Egypt stated the amounts collected in these lands. The audience offering amounted to $271.76 and will be added to the Thank Offering of next year.

The Prayer of Dedication was offered by Dr. Anna P. White.

A telegram was read from Mrs. O. H. Milligan, Thank Offering Secretary from 1920-1946, in which she said, "Following program with you..."

The singing of *Thy Tender Mercies* (74) closed Part I.

Part II.

Mrs. Grant B. Gibson, presiding

The anthem, *O Savior of the world* (Goss) was presented by the combined choirs of the Brockton, Whitinsville, Providence, Lawrence, Quincy and Newton U. P. Churches.

The Responsive Reading, Selection 95, was led by Mrs. Orville J. Fleming and Prayer was offered by Mrs. W. R. Scott, first and second Vice Presidents.

Dr. Orville J. Fleming was presented by the Convention President. He introduced the evening speaker, Dr. John Coventry Smith, who is just completing his pastorate at the Mount Lebanon Church, Pittsburgh.

Dr. Smith recalled happy memories centering around United Presbyterian experiences. He was born in a U.P. manse, was named for Dr. W. R. Coventry, and had expected to be a missionary to Egypt, but because there were no funds available at that time, our Board of Foreign Missions could not send him. Thus it came that he served in Japan as a missionary under the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. He told of his recent election to be one of four Area-Secretaries of the Presbyterian Foreign Mission Board, three of whom, according to Dr. Smith, have had some United Presbyterian background or training.

"The Place of Christian Faith in our World Today" was the theme selected by Dr. Smith for his address. He cited the formation of the Christian Church in New Guinea as an illlustration of the power of the Christian faith to change culture and civilization. Some may say that the United States cannot be called a Christian nation because many things in our civilization are not Christian. There are things of which we are not proud. Yet our civilization began in and grew out of Christian traditions, hence we, like the people of New Guinea belong to a Christian civilization. He quoted the historian, Arnold J. Toynbee, in stating that of the 21 great civilizations in world history, 15 of them have disappeared and the six that remain today are weakened. Our own civilization is in danger. What are some of the dangers? Dr. Smith named four:

1. The two world wars in Europe were different from any we had experienced before. The first may have

been competition for a place in the sun, but the second World War was a revolution against Christian faith and civilization. It can happen again.

2. For the first time in the history of our civilization an Oriental nation—Japan—took the fruits of our civilization and used them against us. It can happen again if we continue to expand the things of our material civilization and not our spiritual.

3. The Russian Revolution was an enemy against the Christian faith. Russia has ideals, in a sense like ours, but her methods are different. Her destructive methods are a threat to all that Christians hold dear.

4. But The greatest danger to our Christian civilization does not come from without but from within. Historians agree that civilizations do not die from outside pressure but from decay within. "Civilizations are never murdered. They commit suicide." (Toynbee.) There can be no attack effective from the outside if at the same time we give them our faith.

Christian civilization must grow or it goes backward. All unconscious must be our outreach into other places. A study of the relationship between missionary giving and congregational life has led Dr. Smith to the conclusion that the best possible way for a pastor to get support for local expenses is to get pledges for missions.

Consider Christ. Hope begins with faith in Christ as God and Savior. We have found in Christ that which gives us satisfaction and we turn to the gospels for that which the world desperately needs—the Cross of Christ.

Dr. Archibald F. Fulton gave the closing prayer and benediction.

Postlude, *Trumpet Tune* (Purcell).

FRIDAY MORNING

Organ Prelude, *O Lord We Poor Sinners* (Zachau).

Mrs. Herman King, Caledonia Presbyterial, conducted the morning worship. Following the singing of the Convention Song and Prayer, Mrs. King read Psalm 150, the Hallelujah Chorus of the Psalms, calling us to praise God in these closing hours together in this beautiful sanctuary. "It also calls us to continue to praise Him, as we leave, for the 'mighty acts' of which we have heard in this Convention. Let us obey this summons to praise by singing the 105th Psalm" (295).

The Memorials Committee — No memorials were received, hence your committee has no report.

Mrs. A. W. Jamieson, Chr.
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Miss Vida Graham

The Recommendations Committee —For the high privilege of "Considering Christ" and the power we hold in our hands as Christian women, we wish to thank especially the Convention officers, the local committee, the Boston Presbyterial and all others who have had a part in planning for our spiritual blessings and physical comforts.

We wish also to express our wholehearted appreciation for the untiring and sacrificial work of the women of our Board during the past year and particularly to Mrs. J. P. White, retiring editor of the *Women's Missionary Magazine.* May God's blessing rest upon her as she continues her activities in the work for the Kingdom.

We recommend:

1. That the W.G.M.S enthusiastically cooperate with the Foreign Mission Program of Advance to be held October 19-November 19, 1948.
2. That we make a serious endeavor to keep the liquor problem before the societies of our churches, through continual education and publicity.
3. That the future of our missionary work may be guaranteed, a greater emphasis be placed upon the responsibility of the women of our

church for organizing and sponsoring teen-age groups. That the women use every opportunity to influence young people to enter Christian service.

4. That the Board seriously consider the possibilty of lengthening the convention period.

5. We, as representatives of the women of the United Presbyterian Church are proud of the work accomplished during the past year. This should be a challenge for future service, but believe that in the 1949 convention greater emphasis and time should be given to future goals of endeavor to inspire us to greater activity.

6. Believing that most U.P. women are not contributing to the work to the point of self-sacrifice, and believing that we cannot advance with Christ through the open doors which lie before us without paying a price, we recommend that through the Magazine and all other possible channels, we challenge the women of the United Presbyterian church to real sacrificial giving, with prayer, in order to maintain and enlarge the work already begun. Each woman adopting as her motto, *"Pray much before you decide to say No!"*

Mrs. Fred M. Blick, Chr.
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The Auditing Committee: Your committee appointed to audit the Minutes of the Secretary of the 64th annual convention of the W.G.M.S. has audited the reports of the meetings until Thursday evening, June 24. These Minutes were carefully and correctly written and we commend Mrs. McKune for her efficiency. The committe recommends the remainder of the reports be accepted without auditing.

Mrs. Arch M. Neale, Chr.
Mrs. Thomas H. Newcomb

The report was accepted.

Among the surprised recipients, no one was more surprised than the Convention Secretary upon being presented a lovely sterling silver pin by Convention members living in Cazenove Hall, a representative delegated group. She expressed thanks for the pin, also for a beautiful scarf sent by Nampa, Idaho W.M.S., and appreciation for the splendid cooperation of Presbyterial Recording Secretaries, Credential Committees and for all who had made happy the five years she served as Convention Secretary.

Miss Edith L. McBane announced the annual Corporation meeting to be held in the Publication Building, Pittsburgh, on July 6, at ten o'clock.

Greeting telegrams were read from Mrs. J. D. Sands and Mrs. Samuel E. Baird.

Indian Secretary—Mrs. Russell K. Montgomery (Page 715). Mrs. Montgomery introduced Miss Pearl Bear of Tama, Iowa who has just completed her training at the Cook Christian Training School in Arizona. Miss Bear gave a word picture of the school and her activities there. The present student body of 40 comes from 16 tribes, 10 states and various denominations. She described her classes, the chapel devotions and her Christian contacts with many tribes. In closing she said, "You can do much by your love and prayers."

Mrs. Montgomery spoke briefly about the work of the Indian department, mentioning that Mr. and Mrs. L. Mitchell, also from Tama, are students at Cook Training School and that Mr. Mitchell will complete his work next year. The dream of Pearl Bear is to engage in religious education work in Oklahoma.

Miss Beggs, assistant to President Horton, Wellesley College, expressed appreciation for the fine attitude and cooperation of Convention members while guests on the campus. Mrs. Gibson, in turn, thanked Miss

Beggs and Boston Presbyterial for the privilege of meeting here.

Mrs. R. G. Russell was given time to tell more about her work in the Slovan Mission than was possible on the previous day. She told of her many and varied duties in a pioneer work such as hers, teaching in Sabbath School, distributing food to the needy, helping with parties, missionary society and doing pastoral work.

The Women's Association of North America—report read by Miss Clara E. Bartley (Page 831).

The Women's Association of the West—Report read by Mrs. J. K. Stewart (Page 833).

Prayer Group Secretary—Mrs. J. C. Spielman (Page 692). Mrs. Spielman stated that there had been no decrease, rather an increase, in number of Prayer groups since they had been removed from the Standard of Efficiency, also that it is no longer necessary to distinguish between Prayer Groups and Circles. Henceforth they will be called Prayer Groups.

At ten-thirty the globe of the world at the front of the chapel was lighted and Mrs. Spielman quietly and reverently presided over the following Prayer Around the World Service:

Solo, *For God So Loved the World,* by Dr. Vernon Butler.

Scripture passages from the Psalms, read responsively (Selection 94, Psalter Hymnal).

Congregational song (116).

Prayers for all departments and phases of the work were voiced by representative persons seated on the platform:

Prayers for Boards and Organizations—Mrs. S. A. Gould, Miss Evlyn Fulton, Mrs. J. K. Stewart, Mrs. C. C. Johnson and Mrs. Klon Matthews.

Prayers for our American work —Miss Pearl Bear, Mrs. P. H. Lewis, Rev. R. E. Ayers, and Mrs. R. G. Russell.

Prayers for our Foreign work—Mrs. Harris J. Stewart, Mrs. Mary K. Coventry, Miss Joan Yilek and Miss Ray Huffman.

Miss Flora Jameson offered the closing prayer of consecration while all stood with clasped hands. Dr. Butler sang the three-fold Amen.

Report of the Tellers was given by Miss Josephine McNary, chairman.

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Each of the four Convention officers spoke briefly. Boston Presbyterial presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers to the honored President-elect.

Mrs. Gibson named three persons, not attending this Convention, who had been especially helpful to her during the past year: Miss Kate A. Hill, Miss Anna A. Milligan, and Mr. Fred C. McMillan.

Audio-Visual Aid was the theme of an address by Mrs. Charles W. Fulton. She called attention to many every-day experiences whereby we learn through our wonderful eyes.

She mentioned the increased attention that schools and many groups now give to the sound-projection methods of learning and demonstration. Our church recognized the value of this method in religious education and formed a department of visual aid in which our women are cooperating. Films and other splendid visual-aid materials are available from this department under the Board of Christian Education.

"My Name is Han"—"The Heart of India"—"Beyond Our Own"—"In the Steps of the Great Physician" were mentioned as being especially good available film presentations.

Mrs. W. D. Mercer conducted the final Quiet Hour and Consecration

Service. Following the singing of the Quiet Hour Chorus, Mrs. Mercer read selected Scripture verses and called for silent prayer, directing it to include thanks to God for the spiritual blessings of these days and prayers of petition that there may be the desire to be of greater use for our Christ, a task to do and power and strength to do it in loving service.

She stated that this prayer of Paul in Ephesians 3 is the most wonderful prayer ever written aside from Christ's Intercessory Prayer. Paul prayed out of his own experience of conversion, he felt humble in the face of the true perfection of Christ, Paul sought and found Christ a reality dwelling in his heart through faith. Paul rose to where he could say, "For me to live is Christ." His love for Christ was so great that he had the great desire to depart to be forever with Him—yet he was willing to stay to do all he could for the sake of the kingdom of his Lord. Paul was filled with power because he sought Christ and that power gave him hope and love. "Be sure you see the face of Jesus each day" was her admonition as she thought of delegates going their various ways from this mountain-top experience, meeting problems and testings.

The Convention sang *Take My Life* (423) as the consecration hymn and Mrs. Mercer quoted "O Love that Will Not Let Me Go."

Dr. Orville J. Fleming offered the closing prayer and benediction. The postlude, *Prelude in G. Major* (Zachau) indicated the conclusion of the 64th annual convention.

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"HUMAN INTEREST ITEMS" W.G.M.S. CONVENTION

Twenty-one members of Vermont Presbyterial came to the W.G.M.S. by chartered bus. These twenty-one women represented four of the seven churchs in the Presbytery. Two were delegates, the full quota permitted as certified delegates.

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Philadelphia Presbyterial has 17 representatives, from 8 churches, at the Convention. The only new missionary - appointee present, Joan Yilek, belongs to Philadelphia.

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Thirteen women representing Detroit Presbyterial, traveled 700 miles to attend.

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A call for show-of-hands vote established these Convention statistics: 127 persons wene attending their first Convention. 9 missionaries from home and foreign fields, not active now, were in attendance. 4 missionary mothers—Mrs. Thomas H. Newcomb, Mrs. Joseph M. Heagen, Mrs. W. M. Hay, and Mrs. Klon Matthews. 6 sisters of missionaries were present. Delegates from the greatest distance were the missionaries from India and Pakistan. Honors for having attended more than 25 of the 64 Conventions went to Mrs. Joseph M. Heagen and Miss Ida B. Little, and Dr. Anna P. White. Mrs. I. M. Knipe attended W.G.M.S. in 1896 at Indianola, Iowa, from Rhode Island. Mrs. J. J. Ralston reported that she had attended the 1899 Convention; Mrs. W. R. Coventry the 1906 Convention.

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Rev. Harvey MacArthur, one of the Bible teachers at Wellesley College, is the son of Rev. John MacArthur, a retired missionary to India. Rev. Harvey MacArthur was reported as having attended at least one of the evening meetings of the Convention.

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Miss Edith L. McBane, in defining a "Jack-of-all-trades" explained that the Siamese word is "duck" because. "A duck can fly, but not as well as a bird; a duck can swim, but not as well as a fish; a duck can walk, but not as well as a chicken."

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Poem, quoted by Mrs. E. Joe Vandervort in a Quiet Hour, requested by delegates:

"I paid a dime for a package of seeds
And the clerk tossed them out with a flip
We've got 'em assorted for every man's needs,
He said with a smile on his lip.
Pansies and poppies, asters and peas,
Ten cents a package and pick as you please.
Now seeds are just dimes to the man in the store
And the dimes are the things that he needs,
And I've been to buy them in seasons before
But have thought of them merely as seeds
But it flashed through my mind as I took them this time
You have purchased a miracle here for a dime.
You've a dime's worth of Power which no man can create
You've a dime's worth of life in your hand
You've a dime's worth of mystery, destiny, fate
Which the wisest cannot understand.
In this bright little package, now isn't it odd?
You've a dime's worth of something known only to God."

Minutes of Corporation Meeting

By-Laws, Article I, section 1: "The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held in the City of Pittsburgh, County of Allegheny, State of Pennsylvania, except when the annual convention shall have been held in the State of Pennsylvania, fourteen (14) days after the adjournment of each annual convention of The Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, at such hour and place as the Board of Directors may appoint, for the adoption of annual reports of departments of work, election of directors and others nominated by the convention, and the transaction of all other business of the corporation."

Accordingly, the annual Corporation Meeting of the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America convened in Calvin Hall, Publication Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on July 6, 1948, at 10 A.M. Opening devotions were led by Mrs. W. R. Coventry, retired from Egypt. Mrs. J. M. Heagen, President of the Board of Directors presided. Fourteen voters were present.

A composite audit certificate by Main and Company, certified public accountants, covering reports of all Board members handling financial accounts, was read and adopted. Reports of the remaining departments of work of the Board of Directors were adopted as presented at the preceding annual convention held in Wellesley, Massachusetts. Adoption of the report of the Recording Secretary carried with it approval of the elections set forth therein. Adoption of the report of the Young Women's Secretary included a recommendation to raise the goal of the Young Women's Special Fund from $8,000 to $9,000.

The report of the Editor of the Women's Missionary Magazine was adopted as presented at the Convention. An audit certificate by John N. Hepburn, accountant, was adopted as read, carrying with it endorsement of the report of the Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Magazine.

The basis for the operation of women's work in the event of the union of the Reformed Church in America and the United Presbyterian Church, worked out by representative women of both denominations, was approved as presented by Mrs. Charles W. Fulton. It is published in the report of the Joint Committee on Church Union.

Reports made to the Convention by its various committees were summarized as follows:

The Place Committee transmitted an invitation from Arkansas Valley Presbyterial and Sterling College to hold the 1949 Convention on the Sterling campus. It was unanimously accepted.

The Credential Committee reported a registration of 277 voters at the 1948 Convention.

The Nominating Committee reported a slate for Convention officers and further nominations were made from the floor.

The Memorials Committee reported that it had received no memorials.

The Recommendations Committee submitted six recommendations which were adopted as a whole.

The Committee appointed to audit the minutes reported that they were correct.

The Tellers reported the result of the ballot for Convention officers as follows:

President, Mrs. John W. Steele (Boston).

First Vice President, Mrs. E. J. Vandervort (S. Illinois).

Second Vice President, Mrs. William McCreery (Arkansas Valley).

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REPORT OF

Recording Secretary

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1948

Meetings of the Board of Directors, both regular and special, averaged three a month during the past year. One hundred eighty-two addresses were made by Board members.

According to its charter, the Women's General Missionary Society was "formed for the purpose of cooperating with the Boards of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, in the support of missions . . ." This purpose it attempts to fulfill in a variety of ways. For instance, our cooperation with the Board of American Missions includes an agreement making parsonage loans available to new mission churches. An example of cooperation with the Board of Foreign Missions during the past year was our assistance in financing its publication of the Foreign Missions Handbook; our newest joint effort is participation in the Foreign Missions Program of Advance initiated by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. As for the Board of Christian Education, we gave financial support to its "Caravaning" program and to its Department of Audio-Visual Aids, as well as buying several films. We contributed $2,000 to the newly-established Department of Christain Education for young women in the Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary and named three women representatives to its Board of Advisers.

W. G. M. S. scholarships in our United Presbyterian colleges were granted to the following students who plan to make Christian service their vocation: Mary Teresa Anderson, Monmouth, now a short-term appointee to Egypt; Daniel James Yolton, Muskingum; Rebecca Ann Gibson, Sterling; Lois Mae Herron and Helen G. Voelker, Tarkio; and Flora Zoe Van Dyke, Westminster. Pearl Bear received similar aid at Cook Christian Training School for Indians.

Delegates attended meetings of the Foreign Missions Conference, Home Missions Council, and Missionary Education Movement, and appropriations were made to these and other interdenominational agencies.

Miss Edith L. McBane
Recording Secretary

At the direction of the General Assembly, representatives of the women's work of the Reformed Church in America and of the W.G.M.S. of the United Presbyterian Church, who met in Pittsburgh last fall, worked out a basis for the operation of women's work in the event of the union of the two churches. Their report is incorporated in the revised plan of union published by

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REPORT OF

Women's Department

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1948

"Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face;
Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence 'all the days'."

What a privilege is ours as we scan the reports from all over our church and learn how we have "Considered Christ" and His work through the past year. Our missionaries in their work present Christ and His redeeming love in close human contact with those who know Him not. They may be in school or home or church or hospital but their work is usually possible only because of the support which comes from the home church. Theirs is the hard task of leaving home and friends and going where the need calls but theirs too is the joy of seeing souls born into the kingdom. Our missionaries tell us that they covet the prayers and the interest of the church and we know that they must also have financial support. Thus it is our joy to keep alive the vital link between the unsaved, the missionary with the Gospel, and the church. For such a task there must be an organization, hence our W. G. M. S. Every woman, young woman and child in our church should have membership in this society and share in the responsibility for making Christ known throughout the world.

There is a myth that statistics are dry and uninteresting but to me the facts and figures in the reports from our missionary societies are thrillingly alive. They express in tangible form the activities and accomplishments of the presbyterials and the local societies. The General Assembly has assigned definite work at home and abroad to the women of our church and surely we should try to live up to those responsibilities. Our efficiency record is one way by which to measure our interest in the W. G. M. S. program, and growth in numbers should also be checked. If we cease to grow, we cease to function as a healthy organization should.

Mrs. G. Virgil Hutchison
Secretary of Women's Department

Statistics for the Women's Department: This year we report 15 new Senior Societies, including Viola's Mildred Heasty Society of Arkansas Valley, West View of Allegheny, Niagara Falls' Colonial Village of Caledonia, Akron Goodyear Heights' Jane Smith Society of Cleveland Presbyterial, West Fairfield of Conemaugh, Berean Guild of Ottawa of Kansas City, Martha Glass Society of Keokuk, Grace Community of New Kensington in Kiskiminetas, Grace Community of Los Angeles, Willa Ramsey Society of Tulsa in Oklahoma. Monongahela reports three new societies: Chartiers, Gladden, and Mt. Hope Women's Federation. Philadelphia presents two new societies: The Virginia Liggett Brown of Philadelphia and The Hazel McGeary Guild of the new Church of the Atonement of Silver Spring, Md.

In addition to these new groups, we have a number of Young Women's Societies which have accepted our invitation to graduate into the senior group. They include Gwyneth Porter Society of Topeka, Willa Ramsey Evening Missionary Society of Kansas City, Loyal Daughters Society of Bellefontaine, Jennie Jamieson Society of Des Moines Westminster, Ray Huffman Society of Hutchinson, Frances Lincoln Society of Wichita, Taylorstown Margaret Harsha Society, Washington First Margaret Laughlin Society of Baltimore. First became a Senior group and the Women's Society merged with it; the same procedure was followed by the Germantown Blanche Anderson Society and the Women's Society of the same church. In Overbrook Park, Philadelphia, the two Women's Societies united as one group.

Efficiency: We have only 8 societies rating 100% in efficiency this year. They are: First Hutchinson, Kan.; Sebring, O.; Sparta, Ill.; Beverly Heights, Pa.; Mount Lebanon, Pa.; World Christian Federation, First Wilkinsburg, Pa., King's Daughters; Elmont, N.Y., World Guild Fellowship; and Third Spokane, Wash.

These societies had efficencies of 95% or over: Mahoning, King's Daughters; Third New Castle, Margaret Copeland Society; Highland New Castle, Jean Hill Williamson Society; First Butler; Grove City; Grove City, King's Daughters; Meridian, Margaret I. Dugan; Lakewood Evening Society; Youngstown, Liberty; College Springs; Torrington, Ruth Ardrey; Bovina, Elizabeth Lee; Littlefield Boulevard; Military Avenue; Southfield; Cutler; First St. Louis, Women's Association; Garnett Evening Society; San Diego; Santa Ana; Whittier; Toledo; Boulevard (Phila.); McClellan Heights, Missionary and Aid Society; First San Francisco; First San Francisco, Frances Gibson Society; St. Clairsville, Louise Free Auxiliary; West Allis.

The average efficiency for the senior societies is 67%. The presbyterial whose senior societies rated highest is Oklahoma with 84%. Idaho and Wisconsin followed with 81%; Colorado rated 79%; Los Angeles, 78%; and Butler, 77%. We report 26,341 members in the senior societies in America, 631 in India, and 1324 in Egypt. Senior societies in America contributed over $273,000, a $10,000 increase.

Presbyterial statistics: these include the combined reports of the Women's, Young Women's, and Junior Departments. The presbyterial having the highest efficiency average is Idaho with 81%. Wisconsin rated 79% and Cleveland, 77%.

Honors for increase in membership are in two classes. Class A includes presbyterials with a membership of 700 or more. Class B includes presbyterials with less than 700 members. In Class A, the banner goes to Los Angeles for a gain of 12.7%. Arkansas Valley and Conemaugh were very close contenders. In Class B, the banner is awarded to Indiana with a gain of 24%. Mansfield was only 3% below this average. Twenty-one presbyterials report a loss in membership in spite of the good gains which our church membership has made. We report 49,951 members in America, 1,643 in India, and 3304 in Egypt. No report was received from the Sudan.

Honor Roll. The Honor Roll includes those presbyterials which have either a Senior or a Young Women's Society in each congregration in the presbytery and have their reports in on time. The following 18 presbyterials are on the Honor Roll: Argyle, Chicago, Cleveland, Colorado, Detroit, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas City, Kiskiminetas, Los Angeles, Mercer, Nebraska, Ohio Northwestern, San Francisco, Spokane, Uncompahgre, Wisconsin, and Xenia. There are 589 members in the Extension Department. This department enrolls women who are unable to be active members of a missionary society. They show their interest in the W.G.M.S. work by reading the Magazine, praying, and giving.

Once again my thanks are extended to the fine group of secretaries who have prepared local and presbyterial reports. Without them, my complete report would be impossible. May we all, as members and officers of the W.G.M.S., consider Christ and His kingdom first in the coming year.

"Another year of service,
  Of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training
  For holier work above.
Another year is dawning!
  Dear Master, let it be,
On earth or else in Heaven,
  Another year for Thee."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. G. Virgil Hutchison
Women's Secretary

COMPARATIVE GENERAL STATISTICAL STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1948

AMERICA

	1947	1948
Number Presbyteries	51	51
Number Presbyterial Missionary Societies	51	51
Number Women's Missionary Societies	856	877
Number Members Women's Missionary Societies	24,429	26,341
Number Young Women's Missionary Societies	598	591
Number Members Young Women's Missionary Societies	10,759	10,598
Number Junior Missionary Societies	567	574
Number Members Junior Missionary Societies	12,173	13,012
Total Number Societies	2,012	2,042
Total Number Members	47,361	49,951

INDIA

Number Presbyteries	5	5
Number Presbyterial Missionary Societies	5	5
Number Women's Missionary Societies	41	29
Number Members Women's Missionary Societies	874	631
Number Young Women's Missionary Societies	16	9
Number Members Young Women's Missionary Societies	444	355
Number Junior Missionary Societies	29	23
Number Members Junior Missionary Societies	889	657
Total Number Societies	86	61
Total Number Members	2,207	1,643

EGYPT

Number Presbyteries	5	5
Number Presbyterial Missionary Societies	5	5

Number Women's Missionary Societies	55	52
Number Members Women's Missionary Societies	1,132	1,324
Number Young Women's Missionary Societies	12	11
Number Members Young Women's Missionary Societies	1,816	1,314
Number Junior Missionary Societies	5	4
Number Members Junior Missionary Societies	625	666
Total Number Societies	72	67
Total Number Members	3,573	3,304

THE SUDAN

Number Young Women's Missionary Societies	No Report	No Report
Number Members Young Women's Missionary Societies		

GRAND TOTAL

Total Number Presbyteries	61	61
Total Number Presbyterial Missionary Societies	61	61
Total Number Societies	2,170	2,170
Total Number Members	53,141	54,898

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

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the Joint Committee on Church Union.

Mrs. T. C. Strangeway resigned from the membership of the Board last summer on account of moving to California. Mrs. Russell K. Montgomery of Pittsburgh was elected in October and given the work of Secretary of Indian Missions, the position in which Mrs. Strangeway had served for a year.

The terms of Miss Ida B. Little, Mrs. Arthur B. McBride, Mrs. Edgar B. Murdoch, Mrs. Thomas H. Newcomb, and Mrs. John C. Spielman expire at the W. G. M. S. Convention this year. One vacancy also exists in a term expiring in 1950.

Another change in personnel occurred, not in the membership of the Board but in the Magazine Staff. Mrs. John P. White resigned some months ago, bringing to a close twenty-three years of outstanding service as Editor of the Women's Missionary Magazine. Exercising the power granted to it by the charter to fill vacancies occurring during the year, the Board elected Mrs. E. D. McKune of Pittsburgh to complete Mrs. White's unexpired term which extends until 1949. She will begin her duties with the September issue.

The report was adopted carrying the election reported.

Edith L. McBane,
Recording Secretary

Life is a gift to be used every day
Don't keep it in niches and corners and grooves;
You'll find that in service
Its beauty improves.

Edgar A. Guest

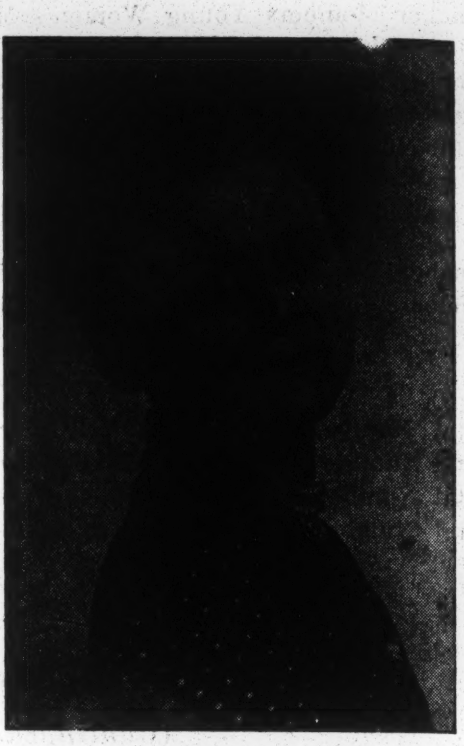
REPORT OF

Parsonage Department

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1948

During the past year, five congregations made the final payments on their parsonage mortgages, namely: Glenmoor, Ohio; Kenmore, N. Y.; Calvinist, Lakewood, Ohio; Mercer, Pa., Mount Vernon, Wash. Eight new loans were made with several others being contemplated for the near future.

Seven congregations of the Town and Country Group were given grants to assist them in the repairing and remodeling of their parsonages. Those congregations taking advantage of this aid were: New California, Ohio; Cedar Creek, Ill.; Topsham, Vt.; Scotland, Ind.; Jamestown, Ohio; Winterset, Iowa; Raccoon, Aliquippa, Pa.



Mrs. William L. Neal
Secretary of Parsonage Department

LOANS OUTSTANDING APRIL 15, 1948

Congregation	Principal	Interest	Balance
Akron, Ohio—North Hill	$ 83.32	$ 208.03	$ 291.35
Akron, Ohio—Oak Hill	1,444.50		1,444.50
Akron, Ohio—Margaret Park	2,867.80		2,867.80
Baltimore, Md.—North Ave	75.00		75.00
Beaver Falls, Pa.—College Hill	3,427.07		3,427.07
Central Falls, R. I.	866.76		866.76
Detroit, Mich.—Calvin	2,468.20		2,468.20
Detroit, Mich.—Littlefield Blvd	3,440.00		3,440.00
Dayton, Ohio—First	1,300.00		1,300.00
Elmont, N. Y.	1,398.51		1,398.51
Emsworth, Pa.	5,050.00		5,050.00
Gary, Ind.—Brunswick	1,782.33		1,782.33
Indianapolis, Ind.—Witherspoon	5,150.00		5,150.00
Kenmore, N. Y.—Deerhurst	2,000.00		2,000.00
Linesville, Pa.	505.70		505.70
Los Angeles, Calif.—First	5,720.00		5,720.00*
Los Angeles, Calif.—Grace of Montebello Park	5,673.00		5,673.00*
Los Angeles, Calif.—Occidental	2,362.24		2,362.24
Los Angeles, Calif.—Westminster	2,568.10		2,568.10
Mount Ayr, Iowa	791.16		791.16

Mount Vernon, Washington	5,416.50		5,416.50*
Niagara, N. Y.	1,753.39		1,753.39
Oil City, Pa.—Hasson Heights	694.50		694.50
Olympia, Wash.—Westminster	5,348.27		5,348.27
Philadelphia, Pa.—Mayfair	861.18		861.18
Pittsburgh, Pa.—Community of Highland	2,144.20		2,144.20
Pittsburgh, Pa.—Mt. Hope	7,080.86		7,080.86
Pittsburgh, Pa.—First	5,600.00		5,600.00
Pittsburgh, Pa.—Fourth	5,950.00		5,950.00*
Pittsburgh, Pa.—McNaugher Memorial	1,756.91		1,756.91
Portland, Ore.—First	1,606.01	123.82	1,729.83
Portland, Ore.—Laurelhurst	1,653.60	263.84	1,917.44
Portland, Ore.—Valley Community	7,333.40		7,333.40
Pueblo, Colo.	2,568.10		2,568.10
Pullman, Wash.	2,934.40		2,934.40
Rock Island, Ill.	2,935.00	424.70	3,359.70
San Diego, Calif.—Pacific Portal	7,818.00		7,818.00*
San Francisco, Calif.—Ingleside	3,336.19	340.17	3,676.36
Stewart Manor, L. I., N. Y.	3,523.57	263.28	3,786.85
St. James, N.Y.	1,925.00		1,925.00
Syracuse, N. Y. —Robinson Memorial	1,688.02		1,688.02
Tacoma, Wash.—Tahoma Terrace	6,000.00		6,000.00*
Tarentum, Pa.—Ninth Ave.	6,200.00	806.00	7,006.00
Tulsa, Okla.—Southminster	7,818.00		7,818.00
Upper Darby, Pa.—Beverly Hills	2,400.00		2,400.00
Wilmington, Del.	2,516.38		2,516.38
Youngstown, Ohio—Gibson Heights	449.77	69.02	518.79
	$148,284.94	$2,498.86	$150,783.80

* 8 new loans made during year.

Accounts showing Interest are those mortgages past due.

Mrs. William L. Neal,
Parsonage Secretary

O HAPPY HOME

"O happy home, where thou art loved the dearest,
Thou loving friend and Saviour of our race,
And where among the guests there never cometh
One who can hold such high and honored place.

"O happy home, where each one serves thee, lowly,
Whatever his appointed work may be,
Till every common task seems great and holy,
When it is done, O Lord, as unto Thee."

REPORT OF

Financial Secretary

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1948

Balance April 15, 1947		$ 3,322.04

RECEIPTS

From sale of Statistical Reports	$ 132.09	
From Special Endowment Fund	200.00	
Advance from Investment Income	24,059.32	
From Presbyterials to Contingent Fund	3,434.82	
Interest on savings accounts, deposits, etc.	3,694.91	31,521.14
Total Receipts		$34,843.18

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Office Salaries	$ 8,197.83	
Office Expenses	1,595.34	
Office Equipment	751.12	
Rent of Board Offices	2,218.99	
Women's Missionary Magazine	3,000.00	
Thankoffering Supplies, Printing, & Postage	3,595.02	
Pension Fund	66.30	
Auditors' Fees—Main and Company	1,050.00	
Statistical Report—Printing & Postage	619.66	
Bonding & Compensation—Hartford Company	777.44	
Board of Foreign Missions Handbook	3,000.00	
Junior Exhibit	111.07	
Junior Missionary Magazine	3,400.00	
Junior Department Expenses	614.75	
Printing, Stationery, etc.	1,063.91	
New Wilmington Missionary Conference Expenses	306.65	
Convention Expenses	1,102.23	
General Assembly Delegates' Expenses	252.22	
Floral Tributes	25.45	
Honorarium — Attorney	400.00	
Internal Revenue Tax	911.50	32,081.68
Balance on hand April 15, 1948		$ 2,761.50

Mrs. William L. Neal
Mrs. William L. Neal,

> The Church has been defined as "a body of Christian believers who have accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and as Lord—banded together for worship, for fellowship, and for service."
>
> Too many have accepted Him as Savior, period. . . . But when one accepts Him as Lord, he gives Him his service, too. We virtually say, "Here are my sins, but get my service if you can."
>
> —*Rev. L. N. D. Wells*

REPORT OF

The Treasurer

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1948

"And all brought a willing offering unto the Lord, for all manner of work which the Lord had commanded."

We feel this represents the spirit of our women in their giving to the work of The Women's General Missionary Society.

In submitting this the Sixty-fifth annual report of the Treasurer, we are deeply aware that "We are not sufficient; — our sufficiency is of God".

We also wish to make grateful acknowledgment to the host of women who are carrying out the work of the WGMS in such a fine manner, and to all others who have helped to make this report possible.

In the business of the Kingdom figures do not begin to show the significance of the year's work. However, a year is a convenient measurement of time by which we can guage our progress.

The annual report for the year covering contributions from Presbyterials, etc., as well as the audited statement of the Treasurer is published in the July-August issue of the Women's Missionary Magazine with the hope that you will study it.

The receipts from all sources totaled $712,308.27.

The contributions from the fifty-one (51) Presbyterials, exclusive of the Thank Offering, was 181,981.38. This is an increase over last year of $8,074.53.

Thirty-eight Presbyterials (38) showed an increase over the previous year as follows:

Allegheny, Argyle, Arkansas Valley, Big Spring, Boston, Butler, Caledonia, Cedar Rapids, Chicago, Cleveland, Conemaugh, Delaware, Des Moines, Detroit, Southern Illinois, Indiana, Kansas City, Kiskiminetas, Lake, Mercer, Monmouth, Monongahela, Nebraska, New York, First Ohio, Ohio Northwestern, Oklahoma, Oregon, Philadelphia, Puget Sound, Rock Island, Spokane, Steubenville, Tennessee, Vermont, Westmoreland, Wheeling, Wisconsin.

It is interesting to note that eleven (11) of the above mentioned presbyterials had a decrease in 1947, and twenty-six (26) Presbyterials having an increase in 1947 over the previous year, went "over the top" again this year. This indicates extra effort for which we are most grateful.

We are sorry, however, to report that nine (9) Presbyterials having an increase last year showed a decrease this year.

It is interesting to note the approximate division of the dollar in connection with Presbyterial giving as follows:

Foreign Missions, including salaries and specials	$0.62
Home Missions, same basis	.14
Negro Missions " "	.09
Indian Missions " "	.06
Parsonage	.03
Benevolence	.03
Temperance and Reform	.03
	$1.00

An additional $24,578.05 was contributed by Individuals, Congregations, Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes. We are grateful for this interest which provides salaries of missionaries, scholarships and an increased evangelistic budget at home and abroad.

The 1947 Thank Offering amounting to $222,312.11 was distributed at the close of the fiscal year, April 15, 1948. The undesignated portion was transferred to the different departments of work according to the need, as determined by the Board of Directors, making the distribution of the total Thank Offering as follows:

Foreign Missions	$125,000.00
Home Missions	22,400.00
Negro Missions	32,000.00

Indian Missions	2,000.00
Benevolence	900.00
Contingent Fund	402.11
Life Directorships	2,700.00
Senior Life Memberships	26,700.00
Junior Life Memberships	10,210.00
	$222,312.11

The amounts distributed appear in this years report as a credit transfer to the above mentioned funds.

We received $18,095.19 from legacies. We are thankful for an increase over the previous year.

Annuity Agreement funds amounted to $15,150.19, a decrease from last year.

Lapsed Annuities amounted to 8,450.00—this is about one-half the amount received from this source last year.

The net income from invested funds for the year was $42,277.35. Income on investments in excess of amounts distributed to permanent funds was placed in the Undistributed Income Reserve Account.

The Endowments were increased by $100.00 representing an addition to the "Rosa E. Mansfield Fund."

Memorial Funds were increased by $1000.00 for the "Mabel Matthews Scholarship Fund". This was established by Mrs. E. V. Clements, New Wilmington, Pa., in memory of her sister, Mabel Matthews, who taught for many years at Chase City, Va. The income is to be used for scholarships in our Negro stations.

Each year we are grateful for the contributions designated for the Pension Fund. It is the prayer and hope of the Board to increase this fund to the point where it will participate in the investment earnings to the extent of pension payments to retired workers.

This fund was increased during the period under review by—

Lapsed Annuities	$2,000.00
Undesignated legacies	1,997.80
Laurella G. Dickson (now passed to her reward)	49.40
Women's Bible Class, First U. P. Church, Xenia, Ohio	200.00
Margaret A. Bell	50.00
Income on funds designated for pension fund	60.00
	$4,357.20
Total Pension Principal Fund April 15, 1948	$237,762.99

Pension payments to retired missionaries amounted to $13,657.44. The present roll is twenty (20); fifteen (15) from the foreign fields and five (5) from the home land.

DISBURSEMENTS: The total disbursements for the period this report covers totaled $1,023,525.79. This is $292,587.43 more than last year.

To properly appraise the disbursement figures it is necessary to point out that approximately $370,000.00 was disbursed from funds other than current receipts, to take care of nonrecurring expenses, investments, including parsonage loans; the latter in addition to amount repaid during the year. With this consideration you will note that current expenditures were kept within current receipts.

For information we are giving you the approximate disposition of the operating dollar for the year ended April 15, 1948.

Foreign Missions, including salaries and specials	$310,509.45	or	$0.64
Home Missions, including salaries and specials	69,890.00	or	.14
Negro Missions, including salaries and specials	52,863.31	or	.11
Indian Missions, including salaries and specials	11,476.18	or	.02
Benevolence	5,826.70	or	.01
Temperance and Reform	5,335.15	or	.01
Contingent	31,389.05	or	.06
Isaiah 41:6	1,383.11	or	.01
			$1.00

We would also like to point out that in addition to interest received on savings accounts, and receipts from WGMS Expense Fund, $24,059.32 was required by the Financial Agent to take care of Administrative Expenses.

The total cash balance in our operating account is $536,652.53. Please note this not only includes the distribution of the 1947 Thank Offering, uninvested parsonage funds, and balances in Foreign Salary accounts; the latter cannot be used except for salaries of the missionaries so designated.

The call of the hour is forward. There is no lack of the opportunities before us to give forth the message which God has commanded to us as a sacred trust. Everywhere hands are beckoning, "Come over and help us." The blessing of God has rested richly upon the work of our beloved WGMS. When Israel obeyed God's voice at the Red Sea, "Go Forward," he opened a pathway through the waters. Through His loving provision for all their needs, also victory over the enemy they arrived at Sinai. But, when Israel disobeyed that same voice at Kadesh-Barnea they turned back to die in the wilderness. Our women have always nobly responded to appeals for additional funds—we have never had to go into debt to meet added responsibilities. Let us show our trust in God and gratitude to the people for whom we are responsible by going forward and winning our allotted fields for Christ. Let this hour be our Red Sea and not our Kadesh Barnea.

We would like to leave with you the definition of Stewardship as defined by a thirteen-year-old boy. "Stewardship means that life is a great ship, loaded with a rich cargo of many things to be delivered to many people, in many places. God is the owner of the ship and the cargo, but I am the captain—the one with the responsibility to deliver the goods."

Mrs. Samuel E. Baird,
Treasurer

REPORT OF

Testamentary and Annuity Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1948

LEGACIES

The work of The Women's General Missionary Society for the advancement of the cause of missions here in the homeland and in foreign fields has always merited the gifts of the women for its continuance. Legacies in the way of money, of securities or of real estate, have, in no small way, assured the future of this work long after those who have its interest at heart have gone to the Heavenly Home. The following bequests were received during the year.

RECEIPTS

Lizzie Clark, Cambridge, Ohio	$3,720.30
Mary E. Corey, Wilkinsburg, Pa.	1,022.43
James Edward Memorial Fund (income)	1,168.98
Helen D. Dickey, Pittsburgh, Pa.	250.00
Lillie Green, Coraopolis, Pa.	885.00
Florence Gourley, Bloomington, Ind.	3,808.75
Mary R. Henderson, Estate (Income)	100.00
J. Alexander Hardy, Pittsburgh, Pa.	557.53

Sophia G. Johnson, Birmingham, Ala.	200.02	
Jennie R. Moffett, Xenia, Ohio	2,704.14	
Nettie D. R. Miller Estate (Income)	79.87	
Sara E. Moore Dec'd. (Former missionary to India)	1,997.80	
Jane McCornack Trust Fund (Income)	75.00	
Melvina Sheddan Estate (Additional)	1,476.05	
C. Blanche Soule, Estate (Final)	11.41	
Catherine Jeannette Shane, McDonald, Pa.	35.41	
	$18,092.69	
Deduct Sophia C. Johnson, Dec'd. (Unsettled	200.02	
		$17,892.67

The designated money was distributed as the donors wished, and the undesignated at the option of the Board, making the distribution:

Foreign Missions	$5,810.70	
Home Missions	5,668.90	
Negro Missions	1,450.42	
Indian Missions	773.44	
Foreign Salaries	1,022.43	
Pension Principal	1,997.80	
Pension Income	1,168.98	
		$17,892.67

ANNUITIES

The motive for purchasing annuity agreements is different from the stewardship sharing of gifts and legacies, in that here is the purchase of security for old age, trust in a Christian organization to handle personal estate funds, and a safe and unvarying income for life, in addition to the satisfaction of "doing something' for the work of the Kingdom, while you buy old age security.

We record in loving memory the names of those who gave in this way. It may be truthfully said "their works do follow them."

RECEIPTS

Jane Crawford, Binghamton, N. Y., lapsed Sept. 16, 1947, designated for Foreign Work, India preferred	$200.00
Mrs. Belle Cootes White, Buffalo, N. Y., lapsed March 29, 1947, designated "As the Board may direct". This has been placed in Pension Principal Fund	2,000.00
Maggie B. Denny, Walton, Kansas, lapsed March 24, 1947, designated for "Foreign Missions"	150.00
Laurella G. Dickson, Tarkio, Mo., lapsed March 29, 1948, designated, $2500.00 for work for women and children at home and abroad; $500.00 "Home or Foreign Missions, where most needed." This has been divided giving Foreign Missions $1500.00; Home, $500.00; Negro, $500.00, and Indian $500.00	3,000.00
Bessie B. Patterson, McConnellsburg, Pa., lapsed May 10, 1947, designated "As the Board may direct." This has been placed in Pension	

$250.00. For the most needy work, to be used at the discretion of the Board", $1600.00. This has been placed in Negro Missions	2,100.00
A. W. Robertson, Argyle, N. Y., lapsed February 16, 1947, designated for "Foreign Missions"	1,000.00
	$ 8,450.00
Annuity Agreements outstanding April 15, 1948	$313,353.26

MRS. SAMUEL E. BAIRD,
Secretary.

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

CONGREGATIONS, SOCIETIES, SABBATH SCHOOLS, AND INDIVIDUALS

CONGREGATIONS

Atlantic, Iowa	$ 18.80
Butler, Pa., First	35.00
Ewing, Nebraska	30.00
First, Crafton, Pa.	100.00
Hope, Jersey City, N. J.	25.00
Knoxville, Ohio	76.53
Laurel Hill, Uniontown, Pa.	1,500.00
Loveland, Colo.	10.00
Mt. Jackson, Pa.	20.00
Northfield, New Concord, Ohio	20.00
Omaha Central, Nebr.	92.00
Simnasho, Ore.	100.00
Spokane, Washington Third	25.00
Tahoma Terrace, Tacoma, Wash.	15.65
Town Line, E. Lisbon, N. Y.	10.00
Warm Springs, Ore.	116.00
	$2,193.98

SOCIETIES

Whitcomb Circle, Walton, N. Y.	$ 10.00
Akron, O. District Prayer Group	50.00
Prayer Meeting Committee of Philadelphia Presbyterial	50.00
W.M.S., Wallace Memorial	17.00
W.M.S., Calvin, Detroit, Mich.	12.00
W.M. and Aid Society, First Church, Oak Park, Ill.	10.00
Foreign Fellowship, Wheaton College	20.00
W. M. S., Ewing, Nebr.	21.00
Women's & Y.W. Societies, 11th Church, Pittsburgh	30.00
Louise Scott M. S., New Wilmington, Pa.	300.00
Young Peoples M. S., 2nd-5th Church, Pittsburgh	10.00
Marjorie Faught M. S., Ellwood City, Pa.	10.00
Tacoma Terrace Ladies' Aid, Tacoma, Wash.	14.04
Junior Workers Ass'n, Pittsburgh, Pa.	15.00
Swissvale, Pa., Juniors	36.00
W. M. S., First Church, Toledo, Ohio	30.00
Jane C. Smith, M. S., Latrobe, Pa.	25.00
Peter's Creek W. M. S., Venetia, Pa. (Memorial Fund)	1,000.00
Celia J. Smith M. S., Ligonier, Pa.	63.40
Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, Calvin Hall, Pittsburgh	16.34
	$1,739.78

SABBATH SCHOOLS

Golden Rule Bible Class, New Concord, Ohio	$ $69.00
Friendly Fellowship Class, West Allis, Wis., Church	25.00
First Church, Portland, Oregon	60.00
Avalon, Pa.	100.00
Primary Dept., Second Cambridge, Ohio	44.00
Maramatha Bible Class, Wallace Memorial	60.00
Wallace Memorial Bible Class	40.00
Willing Workers of New Concord, Ohio	75.00
Military Avenue, Detroit, Mich	60.00
Primary Department, Military Avenue, Detroit, Mich.	25.80
Bible Class, First, Xenia, Ohio	200.00
Gleaners Class, Jamestown, Ohio	72.00
Warm Springs, Oregon	29.35
Cadiz, Ohio	72.06
Young People's Class, First, New Castle, Pa.	20.00
Isabel McGilvary Simpson Bible Class, Donora, Pa.	100.00
Calvin, Detroit, Mich.	50.00
Primary Dept., Philadelphia Fourth	10.00
Men's Bible Class, Mt. Lebanon, Pittsburgh	75.00
Westminster Bible Class, First, Butler, Pa.	80.00
Daily Vacation Bible School, First, Quincy, Mass.	10.00
Stewart Memorial, San Francisco, Calif.	75.00
20th Century Bible Class, Mt. Lebanon, Pittsburgh	100.00
Carpenter Bible Class, First, New Castle, Pa.	20.00
Mendenhall Bible Class, Donora, Pa.	65.00
Women's Friendly Bible Class, Military Avenue, Detroit	15.00
Primary Dept., First, North Side, Pittsburgh	5.00
Women's Bible Class, Sewickley, Pa.	75.00
Bible School, First Church, Toledo, Ohio	15.00
First Church, Wilkinsburg, Pa.	125.72
Englewood Bible School, Chicago, Ill.	80.00
Oak Hill, Akron, Ohio	100.00
	$1,952.93

INDIVIDUALS

Marguerite Lincoln, Wichita, Kansas	$ 125.00
Mrs. R. T. Russell, Sandwich, Ill.	450.00
Rev. and Mrs. John W. Wilson, Simnasho, Ore.	10.00
Marjorie Faught	133.10
Margaret A. Bell, Atlantic, Iowa	100.00
Patricia Stafford, Wheaton, Ill.	35.25
Mrs. C. A. McKirahan, E. Ryegate, Vt.	10.00
Mrs. Robert MacLachlan, Atkinson, Nebr.	125.00
Ruth L. MacLachlan, Atkinson, Nebr.	10.00
Ruth L. Pollock, Decatur, Ill.	25.00
Margaret W. Hoburg, Cheswick, Pa.	60.00
John Crawford Park, Pittsburgh, Pa.	500.00
Margaret Ruth Gordon, Philadelphia, Pa.	15.00
Mrs. Hazel Fisher, Albany, Oregon	10.00
Life Service Organization of Sterling College	121.00
Jennie E. McFadden, Pasadena, Calif.	60.00
R. W. Dinsmore, New Wilmington, Pa.	500.00

Jas. O. Springer, Aliquippa, Pa.	250.00
Agnes L. Thomson and Mrs. Isabel Archibald, New Kingston, N. Y.	10.00
H. G. Evans, Two Rivers, Wis.	100.00
David Roberts, Portage, Wis.	350.00
Mrs. A. A. Graham, Princeton, N. J.	50.00
Elizabeth S. Bender, Albuquerque, N. M.	10.00
Genevieve Sowards, Granville, Ohio	20.00
Ella S. and Charlotte Junk, Uniontown, Pa.	100.00
Charlotte Junk, Uniontown, Pa.	150.00
S. P. Junk and Sisters, Uniontown, Pa.	100.00
S. K. Cunningham, Pittsburgh, Pa.	100.00
Edna Hansen Garwood, Atkinson, Nebr.	50.00
Mrs. Fred Boettcher & Sons, Atkinson, Nebr.	30.00
Mrs. Maude Lawrence, Atkinson, Nebr.	13.50
Margaret D. N. Pollock, Arcadice, Calif	62.00
Lisle Farquhar, Coin, Iowa	200.00
Mrs. Laura M. Young, St. Charles, Iowa	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Elbert L. McCreery, Los Angeles, Calif	100.00
Evelyn Cathcart	26.70
Rosella Kroth, Topeka, Kan.	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. Wallace Benson, Clay Center, Kan.	50.00
Mrs. Edward Whiteside, Amsterdam, N. Y.	150.00
Lulu B. Brownlee and Nora K. Brownlee, Alexis, Ill.	22.01
Fannie C. Martin, Daytona Beach, Fla.	25.00
Bonnie Wengert, Lebo, Kansas	50.00
Helen F. Smith, Columbia, S. C.	10.00
Mrs. Mary S. Dean, Zanesville, Ohio	10.00
Laurella G. Dickson, Tarkio, Mo.	49.40
Margaret H. Cummins, Indiana, Pa.	25.00
Mrs. Hannah Johnson, New Concord, Ohio	50.00
Sallie E. Dickey, Uhrichsville, Ohio	40.00
Mrs. Charles Bradley Warren, Ben Avon, Pa.	50.00
Bonnie Greenway, Greenville, Tenn.	10.00
Mrs. Irving Brownlee, Burdett, Kan.	200.00
Mr. and Mrs. Austin Patterson, Xenia, Ohio	40.00
Bonner Insurance and Real Estate Agency, Camden, Ala.	74.50
	$5,017.46

MINUTES OF CORPORATION MEETING

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Secretary, Mrs. J. K. Stewart (Los Angeles).

The following members of the Board of Directors were renominated by the Convention and re-elected at the Corporation meeting: Miss Ida B. Little, Mrs. Arthur B. McBride, Mrs. Edgar B. Murdoch, Mrs. Thomas H. Newcomb, and Mrs. John C. Spielman.

The minutes of this meeting were read and approved. The meeting adjourned with prayer by the Prayer Secretary, Mrs. John C. Spielman.

Edith L. McBane,
Recording Secretary
Mrs. J. M. Heagen,
President.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, TRANSFERS, AND BALANCES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1948

	BALANCES April 16, 1947		CASH		TRANSFERS		BALANCES April 15, 1948	
	DR.	CR.	Receipts	Disbursements	DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.
Annuity Income and Expense				17,837.22	22.00	17,859.22		
Benevolence		9,340.18	5,318.00	5,826.70		900.00		9,731.48
Contingent Fund			7,129.73	31,189.05		24,059.32		
Duke Endowment			2,915.00	3,305.00		390.00		
Ethiopia Missions		7,812.27		3,400.38		440.00		4,851.89
Foreign Missions								
General		97,374.85	23,785.48	151,850.43	20,512.10	144,597.68		193,395.48
Salaries		37,865.42	78,508.48	98,338.99	500.00	24,062.48		41,597.39
Special		6,863.76	13,715.24	14,864.95	574.00	4.00		5,144.05
Girls' Boarding Schools								
Carrie M. Buchanan Memorial		738.00	12.00	738.00		522.00		534.00
John and Jane Denham Memorial		915.94			915.94	659.04		659.04
Gurdaspur		2,306.14			2,306.14			
Mary Clokey Porter School		370.00		370.00		277.50		277.50
Pasrur		3,488.45		5,998.00		3,535.00		1,025.45
Hospitals								
Memorial Hospital—Sialkot		10,989.83		3,905.00		324.00		7,408.83
Memorial Hospital—Sialkot, Building Fund		7,424.36			7,724.36(1)	300.00		
Good Samaritan Hospital, Jhelum		358.00			358.00	278.50		278.50
Mary B. Reid Hospital, Sargodha		69.87			69.87	9.00		9.00
Martha J. McKeown Hospital, Tanta		1,700.71		153.70		585.50		2,132.51
George Memorial Hospital, Addis Ababa		8,638.38				147.00		8,785.38
White Memorial Hospital, Pasrur		1,061.09	8.50			36.00		1,105.59
Home Missions General		76,615.11	46,609.76	68,582.28		31,537.09		86,179.68
Isaiah 41:6		7,465.56	2,394.19	1,383.11				8,476.64
Indian Missions		28,289.84	11,685.20	11,476.18		3,873.44		32,372.30
Junior Special			7,550.00		7,550.00			
Junior Exhibit Fund		10.00	20.00		4.00			26.00
Junior Missionary Magazine		40.00		40.00		30.00		30.00
Legacies			18,095.19	2.50	18,092.69			
Life Memberships, Senior		87,078.33		43,611.08	72,917.25(1)	29,450.00		
Life Memberships, Junior		51,407.27			61,617.27(1)	10,210.00		
Life Directorships		23,951.23			26,651.23(1)	2,700.00		
Martha L. Mason Fund		[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]			
[illegible]								
Parsonage Funds available for loans								
Invested in government bonds		30,000.00						30,000.00
Uninvested		47,047.62	5,199.50	13,457.44	24,469.17	13,457.44		27,777.95
Pension Income and Expense—					186.30	186.30		
Field			200.00	200.00				522.32

					61,617.27(1)	10,210.00		
					26,651.28(1)	2,700.00		
loans								
Invested in government bonds		30,000.00						30,000.00
Uninvested		47,047.62	5,199.50		24,469.17			27,777.95
Pension Income and Expense—Field				13,457.44		13,457.44		
Pension Expense—Office					186.30	186.30		
Registration Fees			200.00	200.00				
Sophia C. Johnson Estate (Unsettled)			122.30			400.02		522.32
Special Endowment (for Contingent Fund)		400.00		200.00				200.00
Temperance and Reform		12,456.84	5,286.50	5,335.15				12,408.19
Thank Offerings—1947		1,219.65	220,814.84		222,312.11	277.62		
Thank Offerings—1948			941.62					941.62
Undistributed Income Reserve		25,989.43	4,208.62	78.03	49,113.55(1)	18,993.53		
Visual Aid			124.75					124.75
Women's Missionary Magazine Fund		535.24		535.24		401.43		401.43
Withholding Tax		127.20	554.90	682.10				
Young Women's Special			7,616.45		7,616.45			
TOTAL OPERATING ACCOUNTS		741,697.93	478,236.24	527,235.48	524,250.94	368,204.78		536,652.53
ANNUITY, ENDOWED, AND DESIGNATED FUNDS	2,071,644.93	1,329,947.00	234,072.03	496,290.31	80,251.60	547,515.28	2,081,191.98	1,544,539.45
	2,071,644.93	2,071,644.93	712,308.27	1,023,525.79	604,502.54	915,720.06	2,081,191.98	2,081,191.98

Cash balance, April 16, 1947	939,210.85
Receipts for year ended April 15, 1948	712,308.27
TOTAL	1,651,519.12
Disbursements for year ended April 15, 1948	1,023,525.79
CASH BALANCE, APRIL 15, 1948	627,993.33

ANNUITIES

Agreements outstanding, April 16, 1947	306,552.76
Add: Increase in beginning balance for an annuity credited this year, but applicable to the preceding year	100.00
	306,652.76
Agreements issued during year ended April 15, 1948	15,150.50
TOTAL	321,803.26
Agreements lapsed during year ended April 15, 1948	8,450.00
AGREEMENTS OUTSTANDING, APRIL 15, 1948	313,353.26

(1) Transferred to Annuity, Endowed, and Designated Funds.

Mrs. Samuel E. Baird, Treasurer

Report of the Contributions from Presbyterials, Congregations, Societies, Sabbath Schools and Individuals, April 16, 1947 to April 15, 1948

PRESBYTERIALS	Foreign General	Foreign Salaries	Foreign Specials	Home Missions	Indian Missions	Negro Missions	Parsonage	Junior Special	Young Women's Special	Benevolence	Contingent Fund	Temperance	Isaiah 41:6	Miscellaneous	TOTAL
Albany	59.00	338.75	30.00	56.60	38.00	158.50	36.00	18.00	————	38.00	19.00	44.00	25.00	————	860.85
Allegheny	1714.00	5453.00	305.00	1192.00	638.00	1308.00	313.00	586.00	492.00	347.00	178.25	173.00	167.90	8.00*	12875.15
Argyle	57.00	452.00	25.00	437.00	42.00	37.00	26.00	62.00	116.00	30.00	32.55	32.00	19.00	————	1367.55
Arkansas Valley	243.00	1755.00	320.00	217.00	104.00	132.00	55.00	277.00	40.00	57.00	55.70	76.00	17.25	————	3348.95
Beaver Valley	1219.00	2275.00	60.00	818.00	363.00	533.00	262.00	306.00	270.00	233.00	163.60	239.00	97.00	————	6838.60
Big Spring	222.00	5.00	————	211.00	65.00	67.00	26.00	45.00	61.00	27.00	18.00	28.00	15.00	————	790.00
Boston	333.50	2000.00	228.00	313.50	140.50	161.50	101.50	64.60	211.00	117.50	73.84	100.50	73.30	————	3919.24
Butler	1095.00	1000.00	25.00	970.00	421.00	797.00	280.00	339.00	253.00	287.00	145.90	315.00	96.57	200.00‡	6224.47
Caledonia	945.00	1000.00	190.00	577.00	215.00	372.00	99.00	127.00	320.00	98.00	142.38	129.00	45.07	————	4259.45
Cedar Rapids	306.00	1000.00	255.00	210.00	885.00	162.00	70.00	145.00	26.00	71.00	41.70	76.00	28.00	————	3275.70
Chartiers	222.00	2796.00	286.15	1392.00	358.00	481.00	194.00	230.00	471.00	212.00	156.15	226.00	83.00	————	7107.30
Chicago	416.00	1159.00	108.00	366.00	215.00	237.00	105.00	131.00	104.00	151.00	47.20	119.00	41.90	————	3200.10
Cleveland	1727.00	1050.00	1383.75	1218.00	532.00	714.00	362.00	392.00	581.00	331.00	170.03	363.00	119.24	————	8943.02
College Springs	112.00	1850.00	235.00	101.00	89.00	94.00	48.00	102.00	36.00	52.00	37.90	56.00	33.90	————	2846.80
Colorado	294.00	926.00	20.00	286.00	139.00	145.00	71.00	137.00	75.00	76.00	53.40	84.00	28.00	————	2334.40
Conemaugh	184.00	1000.00	250.00	275.00	130.00	136.00	100.00	70.00	140.00	103.00	66.00	115.00	55.85	————	2624.85
Delaware	227.00	975.00	61.30	330.71	127.00	186.00	55.00	57.00	81.00	52.00	48.20	65.00	31.20	————	2296.41
Des Moines	163.00	1000.00	80.00	93.00	50.00	71.00	37.00	76.00	77.00	38.00	33.97	37.00	16.00	————	1771.97
Detroit	1125.00	861.00	702.00	650.00	252.00	442.00	132.00	81.00	167.00	125.00	84.50	121.00	43.67	————	4786.17
Idaho	120.00	1000.00	————	118.00	65.00	94.00	51.00	15.00	34.00	54.00	22.60	59.00	40.52	————	1673.12
Illinois Southern	233.00	1400.00	250.00	209.00	139.00	149.00	97.00	132.20	177.00	99.00	68.15	99.00	41.65	————	3094.00
Indiana	204.00	526.00	11.00	653.00	59.00	95.00	38.00	108.00	63.00	37.00	28.20	41.00	20.00	————	1883.20
Kansas City	168.00	1581.00	50.00	176.00	105.00	132.00	67.00	61.00	47.00	67.00	57.00	96.00	31.00	————	2638.00
Keokuk	115.00	699.00	55.00	128.00	55.00	55.00	45.00	56.00	13.00	47.00	25.85	48.00	20.03	————	1361.88
Kiskiminetas	130.00	204.00	222.00	125.00	65.00	65.00	45.00	90.00	70.00	42.00	30.50	43.00	27.05	————	1158.55
Lake	436.00	1013.00	170.00	291.00	164.00	192.00	104.00	222.61	205.00	110.00	82.04	118.00	51.62	————	3159.27
Los Angeles	706.00	1000.00	210.00	601.00	298.00	324.00	217.00	274.00	204.00	211.00	67.10	194.00	69.90	————	4376.00
Mansfield	295.00	517.00	25.00	225.00	137.00	173.00	77.00	55.00	149.00	74.00	39.75	82.00	28.00	————	1876.75
Mercer	500.00	1915.00	170.00	392.00	223.00	266.00	145.00	187.65	137.00	141.00	86.95	220.00	69.50	————	4453.10
Monmouth	280.00	1304.00	————	244.00	171.00	182.00	100.00	94.00	91.50	98.00	49.40	113.00	29.75	————	2756.65
Monongahela	2007.00	10325.00	578.59	2507.00	632.00	2281.00	403.00	509.15	700.15	398.00	302.30	322.00	159.75	————	21124.94
Muskingum	171.00	1345.00	25.00	173.00	111.00	96.00	61.00	115.00	115.00	67.00	74.00	83.00	50.00	————	2486.00
Nebraska	221.00	1025.12	182.15	184.00	100.00	107.00	54.00	111.00	10.30	70.00	21.35	84.00	23.60	————	2193.52
New York	359.00	1455.00	————	300.00	121.00	134.00	74.00	93.25	82.50	79.00	68.05	64.00	51.00	————	2880.80
Ohio First	309.00	1282.00	300.00	366.00	137.00	164.00	92.00	159.00	38.00	86.00	55.60	86.00	44.51	————	3119.11
Ohio Northwestern	343.00	696.00	20.00	283.00	158.00	165.00	52.00	20.00	111.00	59.00	32.80	48.00	23.50	————	2011.30
Oklahoma	135.00	106.00	150.00	109.00	67.50	58.00	16.00	12.00	27.00	17.00	13.50	15.00	13.50	————	739.50
Oregon	125.00	1000.00	97.50	114.50	80.00	86.00	58.00	174.00	49.00	62.00	33.70	56.00	39.30	————	1975.00
Philadelphia	1500.00	2238.15	337.00	2463.65	408.00	549.00	165.00	701.14	452.50	182.50	174.85	108.00	102.00	5.00*	9386.79
Puget Sound	414.00	488.00	150.00	267.00	140.00	161.00	56.00	214.00	32.00	49.00	43.40	68.00	47.75	————	2130.15
Rock Island	199.00	558.00	————	189.00	83.00	88.00	53.00	60.00	94.00	56.00	30.10	49.00	23.55	————	1482.65
San Francisco	204.00	1000.00	823.50	362.00	150.00	148.00	102.00	51.00	142.00	101.00	61.95	105.00	63.00	————	3313.45
Spokane	94.00	500.00	129.55	90.00	70.00	83.00	48.00	19.60	5.00	26.00	18.50	35.00	9.25	————	1127.90
Steubenville	372.00	1000.00	75.00	551.14	175.00	234.00	94.00	79.00	302.00	94.00	72.45	95.00	47.00	————	3190.59
Tennessee	140.00	————	————	33.00	23.00	42.00	17.00	44.00	15.00	14.00	26.87	23.00	21.70	————	399.57
Uncompahgre	53.00	42.00	————	35.00	20.00	20.00	19.00	————	————	10.00	7.30	13.00	17.00	————	236.30
Vermont	19.00	175.50	————	18.00	[illegible]	10.00	10.00	————	————	10.00	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	————	[illegible]
Westmoreland	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	————	[illegible]
Wheeling	426.00	1033.00	121.00	335.00	[illegible]	163.00	74.00	81.50	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	————	[illegible]
Wisconsin	305.00	923.00	190.35	222.00	123.00	156.00	76.00	167.30	77.00	74.00	35.20	81.00	11.00	————	2440.85
Xenia	546.00	2000.00	198.00	386.00	189.00	227.00	113.00	116.00	79.00	116.00	63.00	132.00	43.00	————	4208.00
Total	22345.50	68249.52	9211.84	22445.10	9543.50	13316.00	5195.50	7475.00	7606.45	5293.00	3421.28	5273.50	2392.19	213.00	181961.35
															1000.00

Wheeling	426.00	1033.00	121.00	335.00	125.50	163.00	74.00	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
Wisconsin	305.00	923.00	190.35	222.00	123.00	156.00	76.00	167.30	77.00	74.00	35.20	81.00	11.00		2440.85
Xenia	546.00	2000.00	198.00	386.00	189.00	227.00	113.00	116.00	79.00	116.00	63.00	132.00	43.00		4308.00
Total	22345.50	68249.52	9211.84	22445.10	9543.50	13316.00	5195.50	7475.00	7606.45	5293.00	3421.28	5273.50	2392.19	213.00	181961.38
CONGREGATIONS															
Avalon		1000.00													1000.00
Center Ridge-Red Oak, Iowa		600.00													600.00
Ezel, Ky.				400.00											400.00
Frenchburg, Ky.				700.00											700.00
Marissa, Ill.		1000.00													1000.00
Sparta, Ill.		1000.00													1000.00
Tabernacle, Youngstown, Ohio				1553.00											1553.00
Wallace Memorial, Wash., D. C.		1000.00													1000.00
Westminster, Des Moines, Iowa				683.94											683.94
Miscellaneous	43.98		322.33	1584.65	70.55	143.98				18.00	10.49				2193.98
Total	43.98	4600.00	322.33	4921.59	70.55	143.98				18.00	10.49				10130.92
SOCIETIES															
Christine M. Hutton, M.S.	6.00	4.00		8.00	5.00	4.00	4.00		10.00	7.00	2.00	3.00	2.00		55.00
Miscellaneous	200.00		393.74	31.04	30.00	70.00		15.00						1000.00¶	1739.78
Junior Exhibit														7.00*	7.00
Total	206.00	4.00	393.74	39.04	35.00	74.00	4.00	15.00	10.00	7.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	1007.00	1801.78
SABBATH SCHOOLS															
Boulevard, Philadelphia		999.96													999.96
Walton, N. Y.		500.00													500.00
Miscellaneous	5.00	100.00	1422.78	109.95	24.15	30.00		60.00			1.05			200.00§	1952.93
Total	5.00	1599.96	1422.78	109.95	24.15	30.00		60.00			1.05			200.00	3452.89
INDIVIDUALS															
Joseph S. Maxwell, M.D.		1100.00													1100.00
The Woods Sisters		1265.00													1265.00
Friends		1390.00	400.00		2.00	18.00									1810.00
Miscellaneous	885.00	300.00	1964.55	312.01	10.00	1424.50						10.00		99.40§ 12.00†	5017.46
Total	885.00	4055.00	2364.55	312.01	12.00	1442.50						10.00		111.40	9192.46
MISCELLANEOUS															
Interest on Savings Accounts											3694.91				3694.91
Menifee Co. Board of Education				11074.77											11074.77
Morgan Co. Board of Education				7707.30											7707.30
Jackson Cottage rent						40.00									40.00
Board of American Mission						25.00									25.00
Insurance proceeds—fire claim					2000.00										2000.00
Literature Department	300.00														300.00
Thank Offering—1947														220814.84	220814.84
Thank Offering—1948														941.62	941.62
Legacies														18095.19	18095.19
Duke Endowment														2915.00	2915.00
Martha L. Mason Trust Fund														348.51	348.51
Registration Fees														200.00	200.00
India Perm. Eqpt. Fund														66.38	66.38
White Memorial Hospital, Pasrur														8.50	8.50
Profit on Sale of Investments														4206.62	4206.62
Visual Aid														124.75	124.75
Withholding Tax														554.90	554.90
Rosa E. Mansfield Fund														100.00	100.00
Mabel Mathews Scholarship Fund														1000.00	1000.00
Grand Total	23785.48	78508.48	13715.24	46609.76	11685.20	15071.48	5199.50	7550.00	7616.45	5318.00	7129.73	5286.50	2394.19	250909.71	480779.72

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* Junior Exhibit.

‡ Anuak Tribal Fund.

§ Pension Fund Principal.

† G.B.S., Luxor.

¶ Peter's Creek Memorial.

REPORT OF

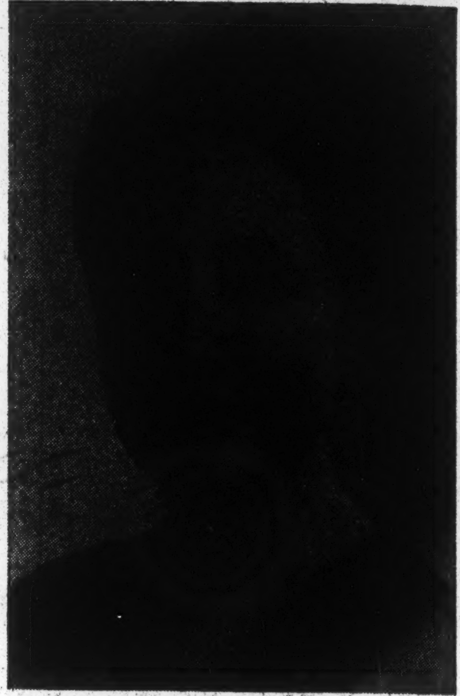
Prayer Groups

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1948

We give thanks to God for the great company of praying women of the United Presbyterian Church who have so faithfully met and earnestly prayed for the furthering of the cause of Christ around the world. Reports show over 30,000 women who have been meeting at stated times for prayer. May this encourage us to increase our efforts to enlist more and more women to join with us. Who can measure the power set in motion by each individual interceeding for others at the Throne of Grace! Our home church has been strengthened, our missionaries and native churches have been encouraged, and the life of each praying individual has been enriched. The church at large has been benefited by the impact of our prayers, and world events can be changed if enough people pray, "Thy kingdom come."

Prayer Groups and Circles have met regularly for prayer. Most of the Presbyterials observed a Day of Prayer. In June a multitude of intercessors in the home land and in the mission stations observed the Prayer Around The World, praying simultaneously with the women in attendance at the W.G.M.S. Convention.

The Prayer Cycle was published under the Prayer Group Department and is being increasingly used by the Prayer Groups and Circles. No decrease in the number of Groups and Circles has been observed since removing them from the Standard of Efficiency list.



Mrs. John C. Spielman
Prayer Group Secretary

We crave more praying women, praying more earnestly, for the saving of more souls. May the United Presbyterian Church advance "on her knees."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. John C. Spielman,
Prayer Group Secretary

MORNING PRAYER

O God I pray this morning for
All those whose lives are spent
In ministering in Thy name.
May they be confident
That by Thy power all things are theirs;
Thus they without a fear,
Keep sowing seed; the harvest time
Will surely soon appear.

In Mission fields, in foreign lands,
O Lord where'er they be,
Send now a blessing straight from heaven
Upon their work today.
I thank Thee, Lord, that strengthened faith
Is given when we pray.

Violet Hollar Bolan

REPORT OF

The Women's Missionary Magazine

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1948

The Women's Missionary Magazine of the United Presbyterian Church of North America presents its sixty-first annual report with more optimism than that of the previous year. The loss suffered because of the advanced subscription price was disheartening. However in the Autumn of 1947 there was a noticeable change and subscriptions have advanced slowly but steadily. Otherwise there has been little to differentiate this report from that of former years.

The Board members have presented their special news and projects, both home and foreign through their respective departments. The Associate Editors, Mrs. Paul Miller of India, Mrs. W. B. Jamison and Mrs. W. J. Skellie of Egypt, Mrs. Ried F. Shields of the Sudan and Mrs. Ruth Walker of Ethiopia have provided fresh "News from Afar" month by month.

The study presented for programs was "Committed Unto Us." Instead of using the text book we presented the special work committed unto the United Presbyterian Church. Twenty-five thousand copies of the Program Calendar were insufficient for the needs of societies. The Temperance and Reform Department was regularly filled with fresh information.

The 1947 July-August issue—the Annual Report number, contained 192 pages; it was exactly the size of three monthly issues. This is a volume that missionary women and especially offcers should keep on file from year to year. It contains a report of every type of work, of every missionary under the Women's General Missionary Society, of every officer, of every penny contributed and the use made of the same. It is indispendable.

Our Magazine is a great traveler: it goes all over the world. Gratis copies are sent to all our women missionaries of both boards whether on the field, on furlough, or retired. There are exchanges sent to fields other than our own; there are also some subscriptions. These find their way by rail, or air or ship or canoe to Egypt, North Sudan, South Sudan, Ethiopia, to India and Pakistan. They go to Holland, to Germany, to England, to Dumfries and Ayrshire Scotland; to Ireland (that subscription is paid until 1950), to various places in Canada, to Cuba, to Guatamala in Central America, to Costa Rica (This one in care of the American Embassy), to Hawaii and Australia, New South Wales and New Zealand.

This is the twenty-third report of your editor. However it is the twenty-fourth report brought to the annual convention. It is perhaps a coincidence that your editor was elected in Boston in 1925 and retires in Boston in 1948. At the time of the 1925 convention both Mrs. George Moore and Miss Hazel Flagg were at death's door. Their reports were entrusted to your editor. During the meeting word came of the passing of Miss Flagg. Before the close of the convention your editor was elected to what was then called "The Magazine Committee" (afterwards changed to "The Magazine Staff"). Within about two weeks Mrs. George Moore was called from her service. Later the Corporation elected Mrs. Fannie Moore Treasurer, to continue the work she had been doing for her sister, Miss Flagg, for a considerable time, and the present incumbent was assigned the duties laid down by Mrs. George Moore.

These have been years of rich experience. The close relationship with the two treasurers Mrs. Fannie Moore and Mrs. Ralph H. Arnold, the complete understanding and perfect harmony will ever be precious memories. The editor has made mistakes again and again, but there have been no scores against either treasurer. The auditors have always found their reports correct. The auditor of the 1948 report again expressed great praise for Mrs. Arnold's report absolutely correct and perfect. Ladies let me present my co-worker, Mrs. Arnold—the perfect treasurer.

This is the last report. I wish for my successor the same kindness and consideration and the same cooperation with the Board, the co-editors, the missionaries, the contributors, and the great host of missionary women that have been mine in the beautiful and exciting task of assembling the good news of Christ's work all over the world and broadcasting it to the church.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. John P. White, Editor

Treasurer's Report

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY MAGAZINE OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1948

Cash balance, April 16, 1947		$ 1,561.59
RECEIPTS:		
Magazine subscriptions	$19,636.81	
Programs	2,501.49	
Tributes	279.15	
Woman's Board share of cost of magazine	3,000.00	
Interest on Memorial Fund	400.00	
Interest on Magazine Fund	135.24	
Gift	100.00	
Miscellaneous	90.10	26,142.79
		$27,704.38
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Printing and mailing magazine	$12,964.61	
Paper, including storage	8,906.56	
Cuts	687.60	
Programs	696.07	
Telephone	121.32	
Postage	310.28	
Miscellaneous printing and stationery	96.31	
Honorariums	45.00	
Editor's salary	1.200.00	
Treasurer's salary	600.00	
Binding volumes of magazine	35.00	
Miscellaneous	310.60	$25,973.35
Cash balance, April 15, 1948		$ 1,731.03

I have examined the recorded cash transactions of Mrs. Ralph H. Arnold, Treasurer of the Womens Missionary Magazine of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, for the year ended April 15, 1948. The receipts and disbursements for the year, as shown by the cashbook, were reconciled with deposits and checks paid as shown by bank statements and the cashbook balance at April 15, 1948, was reconciled with the balance shown by the bank statement. The accompanying statement has been prepared from the books and records examined.

May 7, 1948
Pittsburgh, Pa.

John N. Hepburn,
Accountant.

REPORT OF

Literature Department

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1948

Prayer Cycle—Again this year the Prayer Cycle has increased its distribution. Almost 8000 *more* were sold for the year ending April 15, 1948 than for the corresponding time last year. So far this year 19,000 of the 1948 copy have been ordered. The Junior Prayer Cycle, a new venture launched by Mrs. Fulton in 1947 is keeping proportionate pace with the adult one. 5,000 were ordered last year and quickly sold out by fall. This year 10,000 have been ordered. Perhaps one reason for the increased sale of the adult Prayer Cycle is (1) the addition of the pronunciation of foreign names (2) the sentence or so of information about each station. Many have expressed their appreciation of this contribution and it has been of great help, especially to new members or to those coming from different denominational backgrounds. For the years 1946 and 1947, the Prayer Cycle has been compiled by Mrs. John C. Spielman, Secretary of Prayer Groups. Continuing service to you through the Prayer Cycle is constantly under study by Mrs. Spielman and her committee. While the Literature Department handles the printing and distributing, all communications concerning the Prayer Cycle should be sent to Mrs. Spielman. We have been able to hold the price to $.10 straight per copy without loss this year and hope we may continue to do so. It is to be hoped that all may realize the necessity of procuring *new* Prayer Cycles each year in order that all may pray intelligently for our missionaries in the stations in which they are currently serving.

Mrs. Walter H. Holt
Secretary of Literature

Magazines—While the Magazines *The Women's* and *The Junior*, do not come under the work of the Literature Department, nevertheless one of the primary duties of Literature Secretaries is to secure subscriptions to the Magazine. For this service we wish to commend heartily the work of these secretaries for the past year. The facts and figures for the two Magazines will be found elsewhere in this issue of the magazine.

Study Books—The sale of mission study books has dropped slightly this year due probably to the fact that the study subject for 1946-'47 was a combined one: *Evangelism.* Where two books, one home and one foreign, are usually sold for purposes of study or review, only one would be sold under the combined theme. Then too, a rather abstract study, such as this, is a little less appealing than a specific one of separate countries under home and foreign themes. That there is not a greater decrease may be laid to the fact that two separate books were still required in the Reading Course under the mission study category. The Junior books, written around the adapted theme *The Bible Goes Round The World* were especially excellent and attractive.

Junior Material—In January, there were sent out to all Junior Superintendents, a packet containing: two mimeographed pamphlets called, *Stories from the Fields* and *Round The World Junior Special Projects;* a new *Round The World* coin card and society card; and other enclosures. The attractiveness and cleverness of these new coin cards in their appeal to children have no doubt been the main factor in bringing in the large increase in the Junior Special contributions.

Stewardship Literature—Because of the addition to one point in our standard of efficiency, *Distribution of stewardship literature stressing tithing,* and the consequent emphasis on stewardship, there has been a marked increase in the distribution of this type of literature. A 9,000 increase in the number of *pay leaflets* can no doubt be traced to this change.

Reading Course—An increase in the number of Reading Course books sold this year may be interpreted to mean that more readers are being recruited for this excellent means of broadening our missionary and devotional vision. The figures for the number of Reading Course awards distributed show that more are not only interested but are completing their self-imposed task, for the number of *awards as a whole* are *roughly doubled.*

Foreign Mission Handbook — A total of 2228 were sent out free to all Home and Foreign missionaries, and to all Presbyterials for distribution to their church societies. Additional copies are still on sale in this office.

An apparent discrepancy between purchasing and distribution totals, and increases over the previous year is explained by the fact (1) that an article is not considered *sold* until it is entered in the books and the money on hand. Thus, many an article may be *out* but not sold; (2) that the date of new issues of certain materials does not correspond with the date of the annual report, April. For example, the new issue of the Prayer Cycle comes in January. For new ventures, we like to measure our progress from the date of issue rather than from the annual report date.

New Publications—for the year 1947-48:

Is It Nothing To You?—A Story of Tanta—by Mary C. Thompson

Ye Shall Have A Song—by Martha C. Roy

Avalon Girls' High School—by Vida J. Graham

The Story of Miller's Ferry Mission

The last two of these represent a small beginning in our attempt to bring to you the histories of our institutions, and later of the fields themselves at home and abroad. It is a slow, slow process for our missionaries are so busy *doing* that there is little time for writing. This effort is in answer to a need expressed by you and long known to us.

Financial Report—And last but not least is our financial report; a monthly average of over $535 worth of sales, an increase of $84 per month over that of last year. Our office has been exceptionally busy all year and all these statistics show the reason. Miss Kaler, Miss Listman (our part-time assistant) and I have been happy to serve you and hope we can do so more effectively in the coming year. We thank especially the Presbyterial secretaries, most of whom have complied so willingly with our requests in returning unsold material and money quickly. For those who have delayed over-long, let us remind you as kindly as possible that unreturned material and money mean a loss to the department and eventually a loss to you.

Presbyterial Displays—Miss Kaler has been zealous in her efforts to interest *all* Presbyterials in having at least one display a year and has consequently sent out cards to all asking that they request material for such a display. There has been some response, and as a result, we have these figures:

Spring—1948	43	displays
Spring—1947	37	displays
Increase	6	
Fall—1947	27	displays
Fall—1946	24	displays
Increase	3	

Presbyterials having displays both spring and fall number 23.

SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTED

	1948	1947
Prayer Cycles	19594	11635
Study Books		
Adult & Youth	1672	1789
Junior	571	653
Guides		
Adult & Youth	138	102
Junior	98	172
Reading Course Books	847	713
Junior Books (assorted)	455	247
Pamphlets	2317	2343
Leaflets		
Free	23024	18148
Pay	13618	4141
Envelopes (contribution)	43225	48501
Budget Cards	1777	1395
Supplemetary Material		
Maps	566	345
Plays	602	133
Charts	26	35
Foreign Board Books	11	13
WGMS Histories	65	50
Work Books (by Mrs. E. D. Mc Kune)	24	
Games	13	18
Costumes	14	13
Handbook (Foreign Missions)	35	
World Day of Prayer Literature	12994	16450
Junior Supplementary Material		
Junior Prayer Cycle	3280	2548
Junior Special	15177	6106
Junior Packet	601	650
Missionary Rhythms	1324	1518
Pins	59	29
Diplomas	63	50
Junior Jaunts	132	14
Uplift	107	40
Recitation Books	34	
Little Light Bearers' Supplies	2114	2144
Reading Course Awards		
Certificates	679	489
Blue Seal	688	326
Gold Seal	480	299
Monogram Seal	943	484

Financial Statement of the Literature Department

Receipts		
Balance April 16, 1947—Union National Bank—Pittsburgh, Pa.		646.89
Literature Sales	6549.12	
Less refunds	120.32	
Credit-Union National Bank	.75	6429.55
Disbursements		
Literature Supplies	4607.34	
Printing	146.00	
Postage	366.86	
Office Supplies & Expense	197.45	
Convention Expense	91.48	
Conference Expense	46.00	
Missionary Education Movement—Delegates' Expense	175.00	
Missionary Education Movement Membership	300.00	
Egyptian Literature Committee Grant	300.00	
Miscellaneous	6.32	
Bank Charges—Union National Bank	21.50	
Total Disbursements		6257.95
Balance April 15, 1948—Union National Bank Pittsburgh, Pa.		818.49

Mrs. Walter H. Holt,
Literature Secretary

REPORT OF

Junior Department

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1948

"Let the followers of Christ, therefore, train their children in the nurture and the admonition of the Lord. Let His name be revered, His altar erected, His virtues practiced and His day hallowed in the covenant families." These words come to us from the report of the Committee on Social Welfare in the 1947 minutes of our General Assembly. Through the past year the leaders of our Junior and Little Light Bearers' societies have endeavored to aid in this training. The program emphasized study and memorization of Bible passages, church membership and attendance, prayer, temperance, and stewardship of life and possessions.

Many presbyterial rallies and special meetings were held during the year; 1,009 Juniors have been graduated and 1,019 Juniors have united with the Church; 183 Prayer Groups and Prayer Circles have met regularly; 25 new Junior societies have been organized. There are 574 Junior and Little Light Bearers' societies with a membership of 13,012. This indicates a gain of 839 over last year's statistical report.

PROGRAM MATERIAL

Again this year the Junior Prayer Cycle, which follows the Senior Prayer Cycle's pattern for daily prayer, has been widely used. The *Women's Missionary Magazine* and the *Junior Missionary Magazine* continue to carry material for our monthly missionary studies. The *Junior Missionary Magazine* also carries suggestions for weekly meetings, following topics outlined by the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Our Literature Department has provided much material on our own fields to supplement books and other materials on missionary themes, provided by the Missionary Education Movement, for Juniors.

BANNER AWARDS

For Gain in Membership

In Class I (Presbyterials with a membership of 500 or more) the winner is Philadelphia with a gain of 23%. Chartiers is second with a gain of 18%.

Mrs. Charles W. Fulton
Secretary of Junior Department

In Class II (Presbyterials under a 500 membership) the winner is Mansfield with a gain of 107%. Conemaugh is second with a gain of 41%.

For Efficiency

The Juniors of Wisconsin Presbyterial are the winners with an efficiency rating of 88%. Following closely are: Arkansas Valley with 86%, Idaho with 85%, Monongahela with

85%, Mercer with 84%, and Oregon with 81%. The average Standard of Efficiency Rating for Presbyterials is 71% a gain of 2%.

JUNIORS ABROAD

India and Egypt report a total of 27 societies with a membership of 1323. Their offerings, amounting to $1,590.92, were distributed on the fields.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions for the year totaled $31,819.31—a gain of $2,778.81. Designations were as follows:

Foreign Missions	$1,083.00
Home Missions	911.00
Negro Missions	911.00
Indian Missions	672.00
Parsonage Department	494.00
Benevolence Fund	488.00
Temperance and Reform Department	499.00
Foreign Salaries	853.00
Junior Special and L.L.B.	
Thank Offering	18,146.64
Specials	7,550.00
Expense Funds	398.67
Total	31,819.31

The Thank Offering includes four Senior Life Memberships. There were 1021 Junior Life Memberships many of which were paid through senior societies. This shows a gain of 38 for the year.

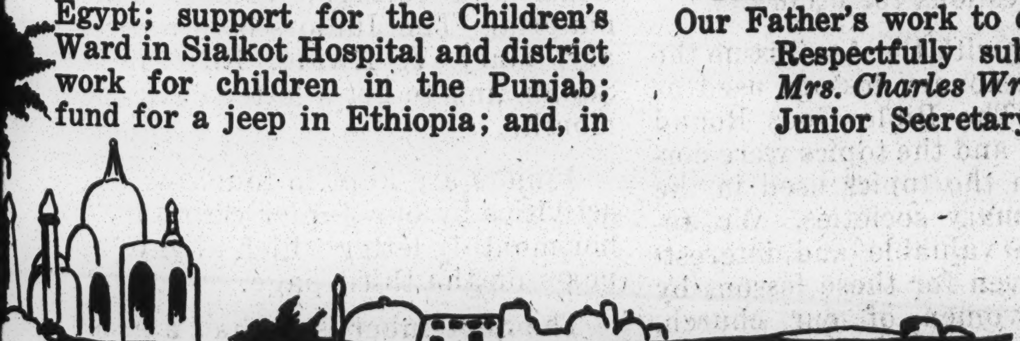
The goal of $5,500 which had been set for the Junior Special supplied the salary of Miss Mary V. Ewing, R. N., in the Sudan; the maintenance of the *Ibis* and the *Delta Car* in Egypt; support for the Children's Ward in Sialkot Hospital and district work for children in the Punjab; fund for a jeep in Ethiopia; and, in the homeland, salary of Miss Mary Conley, Bible teacher at Henderson, North Carolina; supplies for Frenchburg Hospital and Ezel School in Kentucky; and Bibles and visual aids for missions on Indian reservations and in presbyterials. The amount given exceeded the goal by $2,050. This additional amount will be used toward a station wagon for Doleib Hill in the Sudan.

Each of 74 societies gave between $100 and $200. Societies giving between $200 and $250 were in the following congregations: Seventh Philadelphia, Pa.; Oakmont, Pa.; Wheatland, Ill.; Indiana, Pa.; Valencia, Pa.; Norris Square, Philadelphia, Pa.; Second Cleveland, Ohio; Pasadena (L.L.B.), Calif.; Sterling, Kansas; Houston, Pa., Ellwood City, Pa. The society at the Second-Fifth, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa., gave $375.

OUR PRAYER FOR THE DAYS AHEAD

"O Master Workman of the race,
Thou Man of Galilee,
Who with the eyes of early youth
Eternal things did see,
We thank Thee for Thy boyhood faith
That shone Thy whole life thro';
'Did ye not know it is my work
My Father's work to do?'
"O Thou Who dost the vision send
And givest each his task
And with the task sufficient strength,
Show us Thy will, we ask;
Give us a purpose true
That it may be our highest joy
Our Father's work to do."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Charles Wright Fulton
Junior Secretary



REPORT OF

Junior Missionary Magazine

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1948

With the December 1947 issue the Junior Missionary Magazine completed its forty-ninth volume and today we are rejoicing in the privilege of serving in the Golden Anniversary Year.

The forty-ninth volume had one hundred fifty-four pages—ten more than usual. As we review the pages, some of them remind us of some chapters in the Bible—those chapters with long lists of names that we just pass over. But to many juniors these pages of names are important and how the eyes sparkle and the lips exclaim—"Oh, here's my name in this magazine." And right away a pencil mark goes around that name. For these are the names of our Junior Life Members. Four hundred five pictures of Life Members made many pages attractive.

Space is given each month for the weekly lessons and for the monthly missionary lesson. These pages alone make the Magazine a real necessity. Again this year we have used, with permission, the topics as outlined by the International Society of Christian Endeavor for junior societies. Mrs. Fred W. Hartlieb writes notes on these weekly lessons and leaders find them rich in sources from which to draw their lesson presentations. In this volume Mrs. Hartlieb gave several dramatizations and made simple suggestions for others.

Beginning with the April issue the monthly missionary lessons used as a theme—"The Bible Goes Round The World" and the topics were correlated with the topics used in the other missionary societies. We appreciate the valuable and interesting notes given for these lessons by interested women of our church. Many pens assist in the preparation of this wee magazine and we are grateful to each one.

India and Egypt Missions each appoint a correspondent at their annual meetings and Mrs. W. C. Christy (India) and Miss Ruth Williamson (Egypt) have been most faithful in writing or having others write articles for us. A review of the pages of this volume records names of eighteen missionaries, home and foreign, who provided material. The Juniors own missionary, Mary V. Ewing, R.N. of the Sudan aims to get a letter to us each month.

Mrs. Joseph M. Heagen
Editor of the Junior Missionary Magazine

Juniors are kept in touch with all activities by our Junior Secretary in her monthly letter which always appears on the third page.

The September issue had a greeting to the Juniors from the W.G.-

M.S. President, Mrs. Grant B. Gibson and in that same issue the Thank Offering Secretary had a letter to the Juniors.

We thank all who have contributed so generously and cheerfully to the pages of the Junior Missionary Magazine; we are grateful for the large list of subscribers and trust there are even more readers; we are grateful for the prompt and courteous service of the John Crawford Park Printing Company. We thank our heavenly Father for His wonderful guidance and blessing.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Joseph M. Heagen,
Editor.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE JUNIOR MISSIONARY MAGAZINE

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements, and Balances
for Year Ended April 15, 1948

GENERAL FUND

Cash balance, April 15, 1947		$ 827.98
Receipts		
From advance from Financial Secretary	$3,400.00	
From Temperance and Reform Department	300.00	
From interest on Mrs. N. Wylie Stevenson Fund	40.00	
From subscriptions	1,040.34	
		$4,780.34
Total Receipts		$5,608.32
Disbursements		
Printing and postage for 12 issues	$3,667.48	
Junior Life Member cuts	1,535.05	
Cuts from Mrs. N. Wylie Stevenson Fund	66.75	
Binding volumes, refunds, etc.	18.75	
Total Disbursements		$5,288.03
Cash balance, April 15, 1948		$ 320.29

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Charles Wright Fulton,
Business Manager.

"The only crown I ask dear Lord to wear
Is this—that I may help a little child.
I do not ask that I should ever stand
Among the wise, the worthy or the great;
I only ask that, softly, hand in hand
A child and I may enter at Thy gate."

REPORT OF

Young Women Department

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1948

The year 1947-1948 has been reassuring in many ways. Much good work has been accomplished by the members of the Department. The reports of the year were more satisfactory, filled out with more care in most cases. They came in, on or before April 15 except in a very few cases, one of the secretaries having worked against great odds.

Forty-one new societies joined the forces during the year. These have been introduced to the readers of the Magazine in previous copies of this valuable book. The presbyterials receiving this new life were as follows: One each in Allegheny, Cedar Rapids, Kansas City, New York, Ohio Northwestern, Spokane, Steubenville, Tennessee, Wheeling, Xenia (10); two each in Argyle, Beaver, Butler, Southern Illinois, Lake, Philadelphia (12); three each in Arkansas Valley, Monongahela, San Francisco (9); five each in Cleveland and Detroit (10).

Eleven societies were transferred during the year to the Women's Department and four more were merged with four women's societies. Five societies were merged with five other Y. W. societies, a total of twenty societies thus removed from the roll of the Y. W. Department.

Eighteen societies were disbanded. One society off the roll last year returned. There was a net gain of two societies or a total of 591 societies.

Most new societies start with a rather small membership. Societies transferring to the senior department usually carry more members than the new societies bring in, hence a little drop in membership. The reports added up to 10,598. In this number, the girls number less than one-fourth of the total. Many societies reported that there were plenty of young folks to win as members, as many as 2200 and more. It was impossible to know how many "several" were! The number claiming to be readers of the Women's Missionary Magazine was not much below five thousand. As far as we were able to discover, two of every three societies use the Prayer Cycles in their meetings.

Miss Ida B. Little
Secretary Young Women's Department

The attendance at monthly meetings was much better than last year—the societies taking more care to send their averages. The average this year was 63%—last year 45%! Keep this before your society!

EFFICIENCY

The standard of Efficiency has been sustained, equal to last year—61%. Some societies stood in the first rank. Forty-six societies earned 90% or more, divided as follows: nineteen are credited with 90%—1st Allegheny, M. C. Porter, Grove City Non Nobis, 2nd Buffalo Mission Guild, Goldfield Alta French Guild, Center M.C., Taylorstown M. Harsha, 1st Washington M. Duncan, Aurora Sallie Dickey Society, Warren Nelle Smith Guild, Youngstown Pleasant Grove Ann Montgomery, Cuyhoga Falls Virginia Brown, College Springs Vivian Trimble Circle, Kingman Memorial Fidelae Amicae, Mercer Edna Patterson, Clinton Y. W., Guthrie M. Godfrey, Connellsville Anna Duncan, Parnassus Bethel, Unity Y. W.

92%—Barberton Mary Withrow, Youngstown Brownlee Woods, 2nd Steubenville 3 M.C.

94%—Walton Whitcomb Circle.

95%—6th Alegheny Kibby Circle, Providence C. Brown F.C., 3rd Washington Alice Grimes, 6th Cleveland Y.W. Guild, 2nd Youngstown Y.W., 1st Akron Clara Keach, Drayton Plains P. Sutton, Sparta Y.W., West Side Monmouth Eva D. Huey, 2nd Wilkinsburg Auxiliary, Hope Y.W.M.S., Portland Laurelhurst Ruth Work Society, 1st East Liverpool Y.M.

97%—Woodland Judson Society, E. N. Dodds Society.

100%—Boston Anna E. Stoddard, Kenmore Girls' Circle, Boyden Edna Pollock, Struthers Poland Ave. Y. W., Whittier Willa Ramsey, East McKeesport E. F. Stauffer.

EFFICIENCY BANNER AWARDS

For two years the Presbyterial Efficiency Banner has called out the best efforts of a number of presbyterials. Last year Beaver Valley and Caledonia shared in holding the Class A Banner with 72% and Keokuk and Oregon in the Class B Banner with 75%. This year eight presbyterials in Class A are on the honor roll, having 70% or more: 70%—Beaver Valley; 71%—Chartiers; 72%—Caledonia; 73%—Southern Illinois; 74%—Butler and Boston; 75%—Muskingum.

In the B Class, 71%—Oklahoma; 73%—Kiskiminetas; 75%—Arkansas Valley; 76%—Chicago; 81%—Cedar Rapids.

And now comes the best news for two presbyterials: Cleveland in Class A with 80% to its credit wins the Class A Banner; Idaho carries home the Class B Banner—with 84%.

YOUNG WOMEN'S SPECIAL FUND

Support of Pasrur G.B.S. and salaries of four missionaries have been the two objects to maintain—the amount asked annually $8,000. That received this year was $7,616.-45. These last years the salaries of missionaries have been increased considerably. Time was when the amount set covered the need. It is necessary to raise the aim. *It is recommended for Convention action that the sum of* $9,000 *be the goal.* If *three thousand girls* contribute the *fifty cent average* and the *seven thousand and more young women* the *one dollar average, the goal will be reached.*

TABLES OF COMPARISON ARE INCLUDED FOR SOCIETY USE, AND CHALLENGE

	1947	1848
No. of societies	589	591
No. of members	10,759	10,598
Members under 20......	3,889	2,322
Members over 20	5,952	7,105
Eligible for membership..	2,175	2,215
Magazine readers	2,175	4,500
Using reading course....	1,760	1,324
Possessing Prayer Cycle..	1,086	4,882
Societies using Prayer Cycle	179	371
Average attendance at meetings	4,802	6,641
Percentage of attendance..	45	63
Societies reporting efficiency	525	511
Average percent	61	61

FINANCIAL SUPPORT BY SOCIETIES

	1947	1948
Seven Department	471	484
Foreign Salaries	322	292
Y. W. Special	479	514
Presbyterial Expense	305	296
W.G.M.S. Expense	373	287
Isaiah 41:6	276	239
Undivided Expenses	195	167
Thank Offering	534	504

MONEY DISBURSEMENTS

	1947	1948
Foreign Missions..	$ 4,803	$ 5,201
Home Missions ...	4,472	3,857
Negro Missions ...	2,639	2,667
Indian Missions ..	1,993	3,045
Parsonage	1,507	1,441
Benevolence	1,374	1,381
Temperance and Reform	1,329	1,398
	18,108	18,990
Foreign Salaries ..	9,464	8,560
Y. W. Special	7,572.45	7,616.45
Expense Funds ..	2,742.46	2,713.63
Total	$37,886.91	$37,880.08

Thank Offering—		
1946-1947	49,721.74	49,234.67
Grand Total..	$87,608.65	$87,114.75

Average per member—$8.22

Incidentally, societies reported a sum in excess of $8,000 not included in the above figures — quite an amount; Note the needs of the work of the W.G.M.S.

FOREIGN FIELDS

Egypt reported 11 societies with 1,314 members, offerings of $275.92, a Thank Offering of $439.45, a grand total of $715.37.

India reported 9 societies with 355 members. Contributions, $21.35; Thank Offering $45.50 or a grand total of $66.85.

Respectfully submitted,

Ida B. Little
Y.W. Secretary.

"One of the finest types of youth is the person with a vision of service and the grit to see things through."
—Adapted.

"LIFE—I AM READY"

Life—I am ready,
My tears are spent;
Grief is so futile
So vain lament.
Life—I am ready,
Come whatever will;
I have met the Comforter
Out upon the hill

Out in the clean winds
His voice I heard;
Sorrow makes one more keen
To catch His Word,—
"Let not your heart be troubled"
The winds breathe it low
And now I understand,
And now I know!

Life—I am ready,
Not baffled and dismayed.
I met Him on the highest hill,
No more am I afraid.
A heart for any fate is mine. —
There were thorn-prints on His brow!
And nail scars on His tender hands!
Life I am ready now.

Selected

REPORT OF

Temperance and Reform Department

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1948

The problem of temperance continues to be important in all walks of life. Many fail to "Consider Christ" and consider only their own selfish desires. Even among those who are called Christians, moral standards have been lowered. Some drink alcoholic beverages and serve them in their homes, while others are indifferent and feel that they should not interfere with the personal liberty of others. How strange it is that it is proper to pass laws concerning education, marriage, taxes, driving, conduct of business, and most phases of life, but laws which would outlaw the saloon and the poison it dispenses, would interfere with personal liberty! The innocent victim of a drunken driver surely loses his personal freedom; the children in homes where wages go for drink instead of food lose their freedom to grow strong and healthy.

In 1945, Americans spent $8,700,000,000 in this country for intoxicating liquor, more than three times as much as was spent for public schools. In the year ending June 1946, the total grain used in manufacture of alcoholic beverages in the United States amounted to 3,317,745 tons. This amount of grain would be sufficient to keep 33,000,000 starving people in Europe or Asia alive for one year. What a terrible waste of food and money! But this waste does not compare with the toll of wasted possibilities and debauched lives and ruined homes directly traceable to the liquor traffic. It is time that Christians make their influence felt strongly against this evil in our midst.

Only 45 of our 51 presbyterials returned their report blanks this year. There was remarkable unanimity in these reports. Practically all said their chief problems were the ease with which intoxicants and drugs could be purchased, increased social drinking among young people and women, and indifference among church people to the evils of intemperance. Most of the reports said that the members of the missionary societies were interested but that they were not the ones who needed to be reached. There was insistence that educating youth to recognize the danger in drink and drugs is of prime importance. Suggestions were made that we use every opportunity for such education in schools, Sabbath Schools, Junior Societies, and churches. Use literature, flannelgraphs, film strips, and special speakers. During the past year, over 32,000 pieces of literature were sent out from our Temperance and Reform Department, Publication Bldg., 209 Ninth St., Pittsburgh 22, Pa. This material is free for postage to any United Presbyterian organization. Did you get yours?

Education for temperance is good, but we must also urge a civic conscience. Encourage the church people to vote, and to vote carefully, on moral issues. Investigate candidates for office and work for those who will uphold the right, who will "consider Christ" in their decisions. Protest liquor advertisements in newspapers, magazines, radio, and movies. Contribute to the organizations which are doing a good work for temperance and Sabbath observance. And then, through all our work for education and moral citizenship, let us pray earnestly that our nation may become truly Christian. One secretary said that the most pressing problem is "unregenerate human nature. Let us pray that the

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REPORT OF

Thank Offering Department

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1948

"What shall I render to the Lord
For all His benefits to me?
How shall my soul, by grace restored
Give worthy thanks, O Lord, to Thee?"

As we think upon these words we are led to ask the question, "Was our Thank Offering for 1947 a worthy one?" Measured in the light of the Cross of Christ and his sacrifice for us we realize that we do fall short in our giving for Him and the work of the Kingdom. However if it was our best we can be assured of His blessing on us and on the offering which we brought. Through it others wil be blessed. This is our gift of the "second mile." At the time of the cleansing of the temple under Hezekiah the people were commanded to bring offerings and sin offerings and after they had met the requirement of the law in offering sacrifices for their sins they were then invited to bring "Thank Offerings into the House of the Lord." These were their gifts of joy for sins forgiven and were brought with praise and thanksgiving. Just so the Thank Offerings which we bring should be over and above our regular giving for the work of the Kingdom. They are our over-plus gifts of love and joy for salvation through Christ, the lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

We want to express our appreciation to all who responded with a generous Thank Offering, to those who spoke in behalf of it, to the Thank Offering Secretaries who encouraged it, to the Treasurers who handled the money and sent it in, and to all who in any way participated.

The following is a comparative statement which may help us to see where we increased or decreased this year.

1946		1947
$218,180.31	Thank Offering	$222,312.11
172,583.31	Undesignated	18,484.65
45,597.00	Designated	39,920.00
7,019.11	Egypt	8,180.21
1,161.95	India & Pakistan	884.85
350.00	Sudan	234.00
1904	Societies reporting	1939
1125	Societies increasing	1079
49	Societies doubling	50
49	First Thank Offering	73
297	Junior Honor Roll	307
19	Life Directors	9
1184	Life Members Senior	1063
983	Life Members Junior	1021
2	Memorials	29

There are two parts to our Thank Offering: The undesignated offerings which include the Memorial Fund gifts and the offerings given by members not designated for Life Directorships or Life Memberships. These gifts are used for maintenance of the regular work and recurring expenses, which are distributed to the departments of work according to their need at the time of distribution. The other part of the Thank Offering is that which is designated for Life Directorships and Life Memberships, Junior and Senior. These special gifts are included in the total Thank Offering, but are used for special work for which regular funds are not available. From this special fund this past year we are able to grant requests to seven rural churches for the gift of $500.00 each to help in repairing parsonages. This work is done through the Town and Country Committee of the General Assembly. Scholarships for our Colleges, a grant to the Seminary to help in the Christian Education program for young women, the salary emergency bonus recently granted our missionaries, and special building and repair were made possible through this fund. A station wagon for Atbara was purchased from Junior Life Membership money.

At a meeting of the Board in April it was decided to discontinue charging societies postage for Thank Offering supplies. It may be of interest to our members to know that such postage would average a little over ten dollars a month, and will be paid as a part of the administrative expense of the department.

Figures as such may be cold and uninteresting, but could we see the good these gifts accomplish in the lives of others they would become vital and full of interest. Such is our Thank Offering for Him. It brings a blessing both to those who give and to those who receive, and is a practical expression of joy for our "so great salvation."

The Thank Offering which we bring this fall will be the sixtieth offering of praise and thanksgiving which members of our Church have given, and as we look forward to it may we prayerfully consider the blessings which are ours in Christ and present unto Him a worthy Thank Offering. If it is our best it will be acceptable in His sight who gave all for us.

HONOR ROLL REPORT FOR PRESBYTERIALS 1947 THANK OFFERING

In the following Presbyterials every society gave a Thank Offering and reported on time:

1. **Cleveland — Thirty-first Year**
2. **Wisconsin — Thirtieth Year**
3. **Spokane — Twenty-first Year**
4. **Delaware — Nineteenth Year**
5. **Oklahoma — Nineteenth Year**
6. **Westmoreland — Fifteenth Year**
7. **Argyle — Eighth Year**
8. **Idaho — Eighth Year**
9. **Monmouth — Eighth Year**
10. **Monongahela — Eighth Year**
11. **Los Angeles — Seventh Year**
12. **Beaver Valley — Seventh Year**
13. **Butler — Sixth Year**
14. **Caledonia — Fifth Year**
15. **Illinois Southern — Fifth Year**
16. **Indiana — Fifth Year**
17. **Albany — Fourth Year**
18. **Arkansas Valley — Fourth Year**
19. **Big Spring — Fourth Year**
20. **Conemaugh — Fourth Year**
21. **Mercer — Fourth Year**
22. **Allegheny — Third Year**
23. **Chartiers — Third Year**
24. **Colorado — Third Year**
25. **Keokuk — Third Year**
26. **Tennessee — Third Year**
27. **Cedar Rapids — Second Year**
28. **Des Moines — Second Year**
29. **Ohio Northwestern — Second Year**
30. **Philadelphia — Second Year**
31. **Rock Island — Second Year**
32. **Uncompahgre — Second Year**
33. **Vermont — Second Year**
34. **Detroit — First Year**
35. **Kansas City — First Year**
36. **Mansfield — First Year**
37. **New York — First Year**
38. **Oregon — First Year**
39. **Puget Sound — First Year**
40. **San Francisco — First Year**
41. **Steubenville — First Year**
42. **Xenia — First Year**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE 1948 THANK OFFERING

At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of The Women's General Missionary Society, Tuesday, March 30, 1948, the following distribution of the 1947 Thank Offering was made:

Foreign Missions	**$125,000.00**
Home Missions	**22,400.00**
Indian Missions	**2,000.00**
Negro Missions	**32,000.00**
Benevolence	**900.00**
Life Directorship	**2,700.00**
Senior Life Memberships	**26,700.00**
Junior Life Memberships	**10,210.00**
Contingent Fund	**402.11**
Total	**$222,312.11**

REPORT OF THE 1947 THANK OFFERING BY PRESBYTERIALS

Albany	$ 1,357.22
*Allegheny	12,790.64
*Argyle	2,307.76
*Arkansas Valley	3,124.98
Beaver Valley	10,048.50
Big Spring	1,296.34
Boston	4,327.28
*Butler	8,433.22
Caledonia	4,353.76
Cedar Rapids	2,723.21
Chartiers	8,036.97
*Chicago	3,122.49
*Cleveland	13,153.11
College Springs	2,330.49
*Colorado	3,790.67
Conemaugh	3,911.31
Delaware	3,312.77
*Des Moines	2,155.64
Detroit	3,580.97
Idaho	945.85
*Illinois Southern	3,915.72
*Indiana	2,327.75
Kansas City	3,302.50
Keokuk	2,500.00
*Kiskiminetas	2,701.42
Lake	4,203.98
*Los Angeles	6,402.67
*Mansfield	2,383.44
*Mercer	4,587.01
*Monmouth	4,347.67
*Monongahela	22,220.66
Muskingum	3,756.32
*Nebraska	2,096.67
*New York	3,175.94
Ohio First	3,611.89
*Ohio Northwestern	1,997.59
Oklahoma	582.76
*Oregon	1,773.72
*Philadelphia	17,169.00
Puget Sound	3,063.00
*Rock Island	2,225.57
San Francisco	3,390.16
*Spokane	1,337.64
*Steubenville	5,201.32
*Tennessee	890.30
Uncompahgre	386.47
*Vermont	544.28
*Westmoreland	8,124.03
*Wheeling	2,616.77
*Wisconsin	1,649.91
Xenia	3,667.67
Total	$221,257.01
Christine M. Hutton M.S.	30.00
Simnasho Congregation	16.00
Mrs. O. F. Lundquist	25.00
Ira G. McCreary	100.00
Flora K. McGill	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. William C. Fisher	15.00
Convention Offering	276.48
Sale of Thank Offering Supplies	310.00
Income on Bequests	277.62
Grand Total	$222,312.11

*Increased

For any gift God gives to me I
cannot pay;
Gifts are most mine when I most
give them all away.
God's gifts are like his flowers
which show their right to stay
By giving all their bloom and
fragrance away;
Riches are not gold or land,
estates or marts,
The only wealth that is, is found
in human hearts!

—Woods

DESIGNATIONS OF 1947 THANK OFFERINGS

PRESBYTERIALS	Senior Life Memberships	Junior Life Memberships	Life Directorships	Memorial Thank Offering Fund	Contingent Fund	Total
Albany	$ 25.00	$ 10.00				$ 35.00
Allegheny	1,300.00	1,030.00	$ 300.00	$ 100.00		2,730.00
Argyle	225.00	130.00				335.00
Arkansas Valley	300.00	280.00				580.00
Beaver Valley	1,175.00	320.00				1,495.00
Big Spring		30.00				30.00
Boston	500.00	40.00				540.00
Butler	875.00	520.00		200.00		1,595.00
Caledonia	300.00	110.00				410.00
Cedar Rapids	275.00	60.00		100.00		435.00
Chartiers	825.00	500.00		100.00		1,425.00
Chicago	425.00	130.00				555.00
Cleveland	1,900.00	1,010.00	600.00	100.00		3,610.00
College Springs	275.00	80.00				355.00
Colorado	650.00	150.00				800.00
Conemaugh	475.00	130.00				605.00
Delaware	550.00	70.00				620.00
Des Moines	250.00	30.00				280.00
Detroit	325.00	130.00		100.00		555.00
Idaho		10.00				10.00
Illinois Southern	550.00	120.00				670.00
Indiana	375.00	20.00				395.00
Kansas City	625.00	140.00				765.00
Keokuk	425.00	120.00				545.00
Kiskiminetas	600.00	240.00	300.00	100.00		1,240.00
Lake	325.00	220.00				545.00
Los Angeles	1,000.00	200.00		200.00		1,420.00
Mansfield	450.00	80.00				530.00
Mercer	400.00	250.00		200.00		850.00
Monmouth	675.00	180.00				855.00
Monongahela	2,275.00	1,210.00	900.00	990.50		5,375.50
Muskingum	725.00	300.00				1.025.00
Nebraska	250.00	80.00				330.00
New York	175.00	70.00				245.00
Ohio First	575.00	150.00		100.00		825.00
Ohio Northwestern	305.00	80.00				430.00
Oklahoma	75.00	60.00				135.00
Oregon	125.00	30.00				155.00
Philadelphia	1,600.00	670.00	300.00	500.00		3,070.00
Puget Sound	275.00	20.00				295.00
Rock Island	425.00	40.00		100.00		565.00
San Francisco	725.00	160.00				885.00
Spokane	250.00	60.00				310.00
Steubenville	425.00	250.00				675.00
Westmoreland	1,050.00	390.00	300.00			1,740.00
Wheeling	250.00	70.00				320.00
Wisconsin	400.00	60.00				460.00
Xenia	650.00	150.00		100.00		900.00
Miscellaneous	25.00			100.00		125.00
Sale of Supplies					$310.00	310.00
Totals	$26,700.00	$10,210.00	$ 2,700.00	$ 3,090.50	$310.00	$43,010.50

TEMPERANCE AND REFORM

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Holy Spirit may revive and quicken us all, that we may be strong to stand against temptation, and that both young and old may do effective service for our Lord.

Last year the members of the W.G.M.S. contributed $6000 to this department. Grants were made from these funds for temperance work in foreign fields and to the American Business Research Foundation, the Anti-Saloon League (now the National Temperance League), and the W.C.T.U.

My thanks are extended to all those faithful secretaries who sent their reports.

Respectfully submitted,

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I take Thy promise, Lord, in all its length
And depth and fulness, as my daily strength;
Into life's future, fearless, I may gaze,
For Thou, O Christ, art with me all the days.
Days may be coming fraught with loss and change,
New scenes surround my life, and faces strange;
I thank Thee that no day can ever break
When Thou, my Lord, wilt leave me or forsake.

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REPORT OF

Indian Missions

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1948

To-day the American Indian is standing at the very brink of a new era—the possibility of full participation in American life. Thousands of American Indians have left their reservations; the Indian veterans have been loathe to return to the isolation and restriction of their former way of life. This transition period presents not only a problem for legislation but a challenge to the church as well.

Mrs. Russell K. Montgomery
Secretary of Indian Missions

Part of the solution to American Indian freedom lies in the gradual assimilation of the Indian into our already established civilization. We must help him to overcome his property and money restrictions, racial segregation, various limitations, etc. We must lend every effort toward making the Indian self-supporting and independent. In fact we must share in building for him a new world of mutual understanding and self respect. Too, the Indian himself must be given the opportunity to participate in setting up the plans for his own life, but this demands an educational program before the results of unrestricted citizenship can be attained. In our present congressional record bills have been introduced for the sole purpose of removing restrictions on property and money of several Indian tribes—thus giving to them the opportunity for full participation in American life.

In this transition from the old to the new, the church takes the lead and furnishes the source for this new life through the intelligent Christian understanding of Indian affairs. The church ministers to the complete scope of Indian needs, and provides a religious leadership that tries to understand the past and thus ministers to every phase of Indian life. A great responsibility is placed, too, upon the shoulders of those young Indians who are now in our Indian Christian Training Schools preparing themselves for Christian leadership. Let us join in earnest prayer for the Indians that Christian leadership and Government authorities may direct aright in this their great hour of need.

STILWELL, OKLAHOMA

During this last year, the work in this most promising field, the Cherokee Mission, Stilwell, Oklahoma has indeed met with a series of sad reverses. Last fall our misionary, Rev. George W. Smith was forced to resign due to ill health. In the letters received from his own members all have spoken of Mr. Smith with the highest regard, truly appreciative of his tireless efforts in carrying on the

The first chapel, Cherokee Mission, Stilwell, Oklahoma, which was burned. A new chapel—an exact replica of the first one is now in the course of construction.

Mission. During the absence of the missionary, heroic efforts were made on the part of these faithful people to continue as best they could with the Bible School work and the Sabbath services.

It was just a few days before Christmas that the sad news came to us that our Cherokee Mission had burned. It was not only the loss of the chapel but also the interruption of a most promising field of service and the curtailing of the entire community life.

Most earnest and appealing letters arrived from various members of the Mission to rebuild the chapel that they may have a place to pray to-gether and to worship their Lord. Charles Sanders, a member of the church but at present a student at Sterling College preparing himself for Christian service, writes, "I hope and pray that we can have a new church. The Lord provides for His children, and His will be done." Recently we received a petition to re-build signed by over 100 different ones who had attended the Cherokee Mission. This petition in itself was a most sincere desire on the part of these people for a place for worship and Christian fellowship.

It is a great joy to report that it has been definitely decided to rebuild this little Mission and we pray that with no further delay than is necessary, His work may be carried on again in this most promising field.

TAMA, IOWA

At the beginning of the year under review we were in the midst of our first communicants' class. Out of that class six girls made public profession of their faith in Christ and were received into membership on the fifth anniversary of the organization of the Mesquakie congregation. Soon after that Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mitchell and their children arrived home from Cook's Christian Training School, Phoenix, Arizona, for the summer vacation. The two older girls of their family had responded to the invitation to accept Christ as their Savior in a meeting conducted by Rev. Chas. E. Fuller in Phoenix. In August we guided these two sisters through the same course used for the communicants' class earlier and received them into the membership of the church on September 7 just before the family returned to Phoenix to continue the course at Cook's School. The first break in the membership of the Mesquakie congregation came with the home-going of Mrs. Amanda Patterson, mother of the missionary, in November. The present church membership is twenty-eight.

With Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell to help we had sufficient staff to hold our own Daily Vacation Bible School with thirty enrolled and a good average attendance in spite of June floods. This summer we look forward to having the help of Miss Pearl Bear in our Vacation School as she will have finished in May the full course at Cook's School.

On September 2 the work was completed that meant the realization of a dream of years, the beautifying of the chapel. The Women's Board provided for the redecorating. The new pews, a gift from the Synod of Iowa, were installed. The local congregation had a share by providing new drapes, sash curtains, and the renovating of the pulpit furniture. September 3 we began a series of meetings in which Mr. Louis Mitchell did most of the preaching and the new pews were filled to capacity, seventy. The final result of these efforts was a spiritual uplift in our midst, for which we praised our Father in Heaven.

Offerings received in these special meetings were designated to a project being undertaken by the missionary societies of Cedar Rapids Presbyterial, the transformation of army barracks into living quarters for students attending Cook's School, Phoenix, Arizona. The gifts of the local presbyterial societies to this project were generous because of their interest in our students at Cook's.

The Women's Board joined in this effort and added sufficient funds to complete the work. There is now a sign over the door of this cottage at Phoenix which reads, "W. G. M. S. Student Cottage, U. P. Church."

We cannot find words to adequately express our appreciation to the Cedar Rapids Presbyterial and the Women's Board for this splendid support of the effort to prepare Indian leaders for Christian work among their own people. This will be a good place to include in our "thank you" the one hundred or more other societies and individuals out over the church who have sent various donations during the year to help us with our work here among the Sac and Fox of Iowa. You have been very generous to us and the Lord has been gracious in blessing the work.

Our three missionary societies have had a good year. The work of the church and Sabbath School goes steadily forward. We have made a new venture in the Sabbath School during the year by introducing a Bible Memory course. Five children have each received a copy of Egermeier's Bible Story Book as a reward for completing the verses re-

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and Family

The Chapel
Tama, Iowa

quired in the Primary Department course and five have received Bibles as the reward for completing the Junior Department course. For completing the Intermediate Department course we have offered to pay expenses to Iowa Synod's summer conference. None has reached that goal yet but we have hopes several will before conference time in August.

—F. C. Patterson

WARM SPRINGS, OREGON

The past year has been one of joys and sorrows. A little progress has been made, but much remains to be done. Your missionaries on this Reservation have been working against tremendous evil influences, but with your prayers and the sowing of the Word and the help of the Spirit we believe some of the sown seed will produce fruit.

Attendance in our services has been about the same as last year. Our Bible School was divided again this year, because we lacked the necessary help. We had the Government Employees' children in class first, followed by a devotional period which included the Indian children from the Boarding School. After devotions the Government Employees' children went home and the Indian children remained for a flannel-graph Bible lesson. It is the Indian group that we would like to split up into classes for a more concentrated Bible lesson, but we do not have the teachers and there are too many for us. Our average attendance for the year was 61 and a record of 115.

Our evening church services were held as usual again. A fairly good interest was shown on the part of most of the Indian children that attended. We endeavored to make the way of salvation as plain as possible, hitting hard at sin. These young people know God's plan, but they are held back by tradition, Indian religions and ridicule, from accepting the white man's religion. These Indian influences are unbelievably strong, but our prayer is that our God will overcome these influences in the lives of some of these boys and girls. For the year, we averaged 46 in these services.

On Wednesday evening we conducted our Y.P. meetings. We had good attendance, with good interest shown. With an enrollment of 56 we had an average attendance of 45. We finished our study in the Gospel of Luke and had a foreign Mission study, which was employed by the group. The boys and girls gave a special offering to the Leper Missions amounting to $3.00.

Your missionary has made calls in the Indian and white homes, conducted 10 large funerals and performed 5 marriage ceremonies.

We have noted that drinking, gambling, and licentiousness seem to be on the increase. Some of the more thoughtful of the Indian people are highly concerned, but there is so much friction, and hatred among the Indians that they do not want to do anything or say anything to stir up trouble for themselves.

The above condition is the outcome of religious indifference on the part of our former Christian Indians, who failed to instruct their children in the ways of the Lord. They had religion for themselves, but did not train up their children in the Way. Consequently, today we have a worldly generation, one which cannot stand up before the many temptations that have flooded in upon them, temptations their forefathers did not have. Truly these people need our prayers and our Saviour.

To the many societies, friends, and classes that have remembered this work with letters, prayers and gifts, we again wish to extend our sincere thanks. May your prayers continue and may the seed bear its fruit in due season.

E. W. Machamer

SIMNASHO, OREGON

Looking back over the year it seems that little was accomplished. We have been thankful for the Young People's group on Thursday nights. It has been well attended and keen interest has been shown in the Bible lessons. We have had the Gospel of John with flannel-graph, also Pilgrim's Progress as well as some missionary lessons with flannel-graph. They have done very well with memorizing Scripture verses by Visual-Aid. They have also learned the books of the Bible, the whole Bible, and where to find verses in the Bible and many of them are very good at it. The Young People's meeting has been our brightest spot during the year.

We are also most grateful to the women of Oregon Presbyterial, who bought us a folding organ in memory of the Rev. and Mrs. Matthews and their work here. It has been a great help in many ways.

It was during this last year that the Mission bought the much needed new Electric Light plant. It has been a great blessing.

On a whole the attendance at Sabbath School and church has not been what it should be but there have been a few quite faithful. The Shakers have been a real hindrance to the work during the last six months.

We wish we could personally answer all the hundreds of wonderful letters we received during this past year in answer to the 900 Prayer letters we sent out in October. Oh, if all of you will only keep on faithfully praying, there will be souls saved! He is faithful who will hear and answer.

How prayer is needed, how these souls need salvation! There have been four deaths during the year as a direct result of drink. It is heart-rending to see the young men and young women, some still in their teens, go reeling down the road.

We wrote 271 letters during the year, either acknowledging cartons for the Indians or answering letters of inquiry about the work. We feel it is very important to keep the church groups interested in the work among the Indians so you will not only work for, but *continue to pray* for, them.

We appreciate the gifts, interest and prayers you have so abundantly given during the year. "Be ye strong, therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded"—2 Chronicles 15:7.

John W. Wilson

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. R. K. Montgomery

REPORT OF

Negro Missions

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1948

From the beginning of the work by the United Presbyterian Church in behalf of the Negro people in the South the words "change" and "adaptation" have been constantly before us. The leaders of the past recognized the most crying needs of their day and suited the program and policy to the situation.

Mrs. H. Ray Shear
Secretary of Negro Missions

In the Civil War years and the post-war years Negroes were suddenly given their independence. They were in no manner ready for this. They were as children with no one to direct them. Consequently many preferred to stay with the families which had been kind to them—at least until they could adjust themselves. Others were wandering about homeless and destitute. To such as these our earliest missionaries ministered. Food and clothing and shelter were the first need of that day.

As soon as possible and wherever possible our representatives there began giving the rudiments of learning. Reading, writing, and numbers, Bible memory work, Bible stories, and singing the Psalms constituted the curriculum. It was an itinerant method.

Then came the more settled "mission station," and through a long period of years the educational program has developed until it is something of which the United Presbyterian Church can be justly proud. But through that period the evangelistic work has kept pace and has always had first place in the minds of the workers.

A young girl in one of our schools made profession of her faith in Jesus during the school year. When she brought her sister to the school the next year she did not say, "I want her to get an education." What she said was, "I want her to be a Christian too."

The work has grown; great results have been accomplished; the name of the Lord has been magnified; young men and women have been trained in the Christian way of life.

The county and state have been able to take over some of the financial load in the matter of some of the teachers' salaries. This support will continue to increase from year to year. As this change is gradually brought about we shall turn our attention increasingly to the field of Bible instruction. Not only shall we stress it in these schools where that is already being done but we shall seek new opportunities for placing Bible teachers in other schools. The process of change and adaptation will continue. The policy and program will be adjusted to meet the current need.

HENDERSON, North Carolina. Our newest venture has been placing Miss Mary Conley in Henderson Institute the past year as a Bible teacher. She reports a very gratifying year's work. She has filled many other places in connection with other phases of the school and church life. The students have been eager for the training and have responded in a wonderful way.

JUBILEE HOSPITAL. Also at Henderson, Jubilee Hospital has just completed one of its greatest years. We shall let Mrs. Eva J. Adams, R. N., superintendent, give her own report:

"We wish to thank every member of the United Presbyterian Church who has contributed so generously to our work not only in the past but more so this year.

"Our Baby room, to which different societies have contributed, is really an asset to the hospital. Oftentimes people come around just to view it, so you can see just how much the baby layettes have meant to us in keeping the babies neat and tidy. We have discharged 158 babies the past year, with six sets of twins and one set of triplets. They were all very nice healthy children. Our Mt. Lebanon and Putnam rooms are an asset too and it is really an inspiration to visit them. I mentioned those items to say how much the United Presbyterian Church has meant to our advancement. We still are in need of sash curtains, patient gowns, sheets, spreads, pillow cases, plain crash towels, hot water bottles, etc.

"The following statistics we are happy to submit. Last year we discharged 1,293 patients with a total of 10,229 days. Of this total 3,920 were free days giving us this amount in cash from the Duke Endowment. Our receipts amounted to $46,269.91, disbursements $45,500.39. From the county last year we received $5,298.36; from the state $1,037.00. Per capita cost was $3.18 daily; number of operations was 629."—

PRAIRIE, Alabama. The Board of Directors of the W. G. M. S. is grateful to God for the recovery of Prof. William T. Peters from a very serious and prolonged illness last summer. He has been able, for the most part, to carry his usual duties as head of the school here.

He has always rendered valuable help to the pastor and the congregation. The past year has been no exception. The Rev. C. C. Brown, who lives in Selma and cannot be in Prairie community very much, has a real assistant in Prof. Peters.

Writes Mr. Peters: "In this school the county has assumed responsibility for salaries of two more teachers this past year.

"Some families have moved away from Prairie for greater economic advantages. There is a decrease in the number of children of school age. Consequently the enrollment is down to 97 this year. But we shall concentrate more on the religious and social life of the community. The church has 53 members; the Sabbath school 71; we have a group of promising young people who are receiving Bible instruction in all grades.

"The influence of the mission will be permanent. The people of the community have been trained to expect its leaders to be Christian and morally straight. I think they will demand that sort of leadership when we are gone.

"In judging the outcome of the investment for Christ by the United Presbyterian Church here in Prairie, it will always be necessary to look beyond this community and the state of Alabama for a fair estimation. For more than fifty years all sections of the country where there has been an appreciable number of Negroes have drawn upon this mission for leadership and for good citizenship.

"There are economic conditions beyond our control which encourage this migration as our young people have completed their training here. The results have been comparable, in a small way, to the scattering abroad of the early church through persecution. They have gone everywhere setting up the standards raised by the United Presbyterian Church."

KNOXVILLE, COLLEGE. The support of the two matrons and the dietitian by the W. G. M. S. has continued through the year and the report comes to us indirectly that there has been a good year.

ANNEMANIE, ALABAMA. Mr. Walter Sutton has had a good year in this school which is under direction of the American Board. Support of two matrons by the W. G. M. S. has continued here. It has been a full year of good hard work for all.

CAMDEN ACADEMY, CAMDEN, ALABAMA. Professor A. C. Peoples reports, "As we realize that the school year is nearing its close, and we pass in review the progress that we have made along several lines, we pause to give thanks to the Almighty for His guidance throughout the year. We are most grateful to Him for the good women of the W. G. M. S. of the United Presbyterian Church, without whose aid this school would not exist, as such. We thank them for their kind understanding of us and their sympathetic attitude toward us.

"Just here we should like to thank all donors of scholarships as well as of toys, clothing, books, and other articles. Each individual gift has added in some way to the success of the year's work.

"We cannot truthfully say that this year was the best in the history of the school. We admit that we have had many failures but we have had a degree of success.

"The total enrollment for the year is 517. Of that number 51 girls and 27 boys room and board in the dormitories. Three school buses (some of which make double trips) and four or five other vehicles transport about three-fifths of the remaining students to and from school every day. A smaller percentage of them board and room in the community. These conditions made possible a commendable average daily attendance despite the unusually disagreeable weather conditions that we experienced the past winter.

"We are especially grateful to the Board for the new teachers' cottage that was near enough to completion in September that we were able to occupy it. Nine women teachers and the home economics department are housed in it. This relieved the crowded condition of the dormitories (the teachers were formerly housed in the dormitories) and gave us a much-needed extra classroom.

"The home economics department, under the leadership of Mrs. M. T. Alford, has been quite beneficial to the pupils this year. The girls have had the theory as well as the practice in making new garments, making over old ones, doing handwork, as well as planning, preparing and serving meals, and in general home managements. . . .

"We maintained a woodwork shop for the boys. We depend largely on the boys of those classes for upkeep and repair work needed around the campus.

"Our academic work, generally, has been fair this year. Through the generosity of our friends we have added several volumes of books to our library. This added facility has helped us to attain higher scholarship. Representatives from our senior class participated in academic examinations with about 180 other seniors from schools all over the state. Two of our students were ribbon winners and five others received honorable mention as results of these tests.

"We attempted participation in all types of athletics. The football and basketball team (boys) showed remarkable improvement over last year. The girls' basketball team and the girls' and boy's relay teams were outstanding in this section and even in the nation. The girls' relay team has merited first place at the National Track Meet for four consecutive years.

"Although we are as sheep without a shepherd so far as our church is concerned, we have kept up our religious activities as we have in the past. Our former pastor, Rev. D. F. White, is with us only once a month in services. Nevertheless, we have our Sabbath school every Sabbath morning and mid-week prayer services every Wednesday evening as usual. We have also had a very wide-awake Y. P. C. U. this year. We sent representatives to the Sabbath school and Y. P. C. U. convention in the fall. The Women's, Young Women's and Junior missionary societies and the Girls' Circle are active in spiritual as well as financial matters. The Wednesday noon voluntary Prayer Circle is well-attended by the students. Our annual special Religious Emphasis Week was observed in January. The meetings held during that week were inspirational to all. We were happy to make several additions to the church roll as a result of those meetings.

"We are now looking forward to and preparing for our commencement program which will begin with the graduation exercise of the Bible teacher training class, at which time 48 seniors, who are also candidates for high school diplomas, will receive certificates from this Bible

Prof. N. D. Williams and family, Miller's Ferry, Alabama

course. All seniors take this course.

"The baccalaureate sermon is to be delivered by the Rev. A. K. Stewart, D.D., of Pittsburgh, and the commencement address will be made by President J. Reed Miller, D.D., of Knoxville College."

MILLER'S FERRY, Alabama. Professor N. D. Williams writes, "Surrounded by a congenial group of teachers, we can say that we have had a very successful school year. We have 23 graduates out of an enrollment of 302.

"One of our greatest problems this year has been the high cost of living. We have tried to keep our board in reach of the students and at the same time make ends meet.

"Every opportunity we get we try to improve our school. This year we have been able to add a number of maps for classroom work, also have added several new books for the library, which is meeting a long-felt need of the students and the community.

"The Sabbath school and Y. P. C. U. convention which met here November first and second was very successful. It was encouraging to see how much interest the young people showed in the meetings. Dr. William F. Rotzler and Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Boyer were present at the Saturday morning session. Their messages were very helpful. We are always happy to have our good friends in the North visit us and evaluate our work. Rev. Irvin Elligan of Norfolk, Virginia, preached the convention sermon on Sabbath, which was informative and inspirational.

"The old people as well as the younger ones looked forward to Christmas with much pleasure. Besides reading and singing of our Saviour's birth, it meant a vacation, a going home and a Christmas tree laden with gifts, mostly from the good friends in the North, who have never seen us, yet who have a heartfelt interest in us and our work. A playlet, "Making People Merry," was presented by the first grade under the direction of Miss M. E. Thomas. Candy and fruit were distributed to the faculty and students.

"The two weeks of special service

The Senior Sewing Class, Miller's Ferry, Alabama School

The Senior Class, Miller's Ferry, Alabama School

to our Master meant the reviving of the Christians and the conversion of sinners. During the first week of prayer, inspiring messages were brought by two Negro and three white ministers.

"We feel that each department of our school has made a very good showing this year. Miss V. M. Thompson has been a real mother to the 35 girls in the dormitory. The girls are well taken care of and they really get better training than they get at home.

"The vocational and home economics departments are outstanding in the work they are doing. They are not only outstanding with the students, but also with adults in the community. The ladies are instructed in cooking, sewing, and caring for the home and children. The men are instructed to do repair work, to care for fruit trees and livestock, and to do farming in general.

"Mrs. N. D. Williams reports a successful and profitable year in the plain sewing department. She has been able to do more because of the material received. She received such things as needles, thread, cloth, and patches for which she is very thankful.

"Emphasis was placed upon the religious organizations which are directly under the leadership of Rev. D. F. White, who was assisted by the principal. Each organization has been very active and rather outstanding. We were proud that Gloria Ridgeway, a member of the Y. P. C. U. and a delegate, had the opportunity to attend the Missionary Conference which was held at New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, last August. She brought back an excellent report.

"Last August Mr. James Reese from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary carried on the church work for the rest of the summer. He was very faithful and gave us some good messages. Rev. Mr. White drives nearly fifty miles twice a month to take care of the church work this year. His presence is always a blessing to us.

After all we can look back upon the year's work with much pleasure, realizing that much good has been done."

Mrs. H. Ray Shear,
Secretary of Negro Missions

REPORT OF

Home Missions

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1948

With a keen realization of the need of holding America to the Christian ideals upon which it was founded, of furnishing religious training and Christian education to our young people and religious opportunities for all coming under the influence of our work, the Women's Board has continued and strengthened the work of past years in the Home Missions department.

Mrs. Edgar B. Murdoch
Secretary of Home Missions

PRESBYTERIAL MISSIONS

Work has been maintained in three presbyteries with a fourth recently added. In Chartiers Presbytery is the mission at Westland under the care of Miss Dorothy Partington and at Slovan with Mrs. R. G. Russell as missionary. In Monongahela Presbytery we have Mrs. Mary Ciancio as our missionary in the Hamilton Avenue work, while in California Miss Ruth E. Findley is still our missionary in Los Angeles Presbytery. Her work was at North Burbank during the past year where she made a survey for the church that was to be organized there. She laid the foundation, as she went from door to door gaining the interest of the people in the proposed church; she gathered the children into Bible Clubs, the mothers into Mothers' Clubs; she formed a missionary society. Then, with the foundation well laid, a minister was sent to carry on the work and she was sent to Alhambra to again lay foundations as she had at Long Beach and North Burbank. We are glad to have a part in forming these new churches through the missionary we supply.

Miss Dorothy Partington, who for five years was in charge of the work at Westland, closed her work there the first of May to accept a position of wider usefulness. The Board expresses its appreciation, of her splendid work, her fine Christian spirit and her devotion to her work and her people. She constantly went "the second mile" in her service to the Master. Mrs. Olive Laing Crawford, well known as one of our missionaries in India and later in the mountain work, will carry on the Westland work during the summer.

Mrs. R. G. Russell at Slovan and Mrs. Mary Ciancio at Hamilton Ave., Pittsburgh, continue their work in the same fields. Both have worked faithfully, furnishing leadership and supervision to their people. The fields are different, one in a city, the other in a small industrial town where the closing of the main industry has caused unemployment and distress in which Mrs. Russell has brought aid and comfort to many discouraged people.

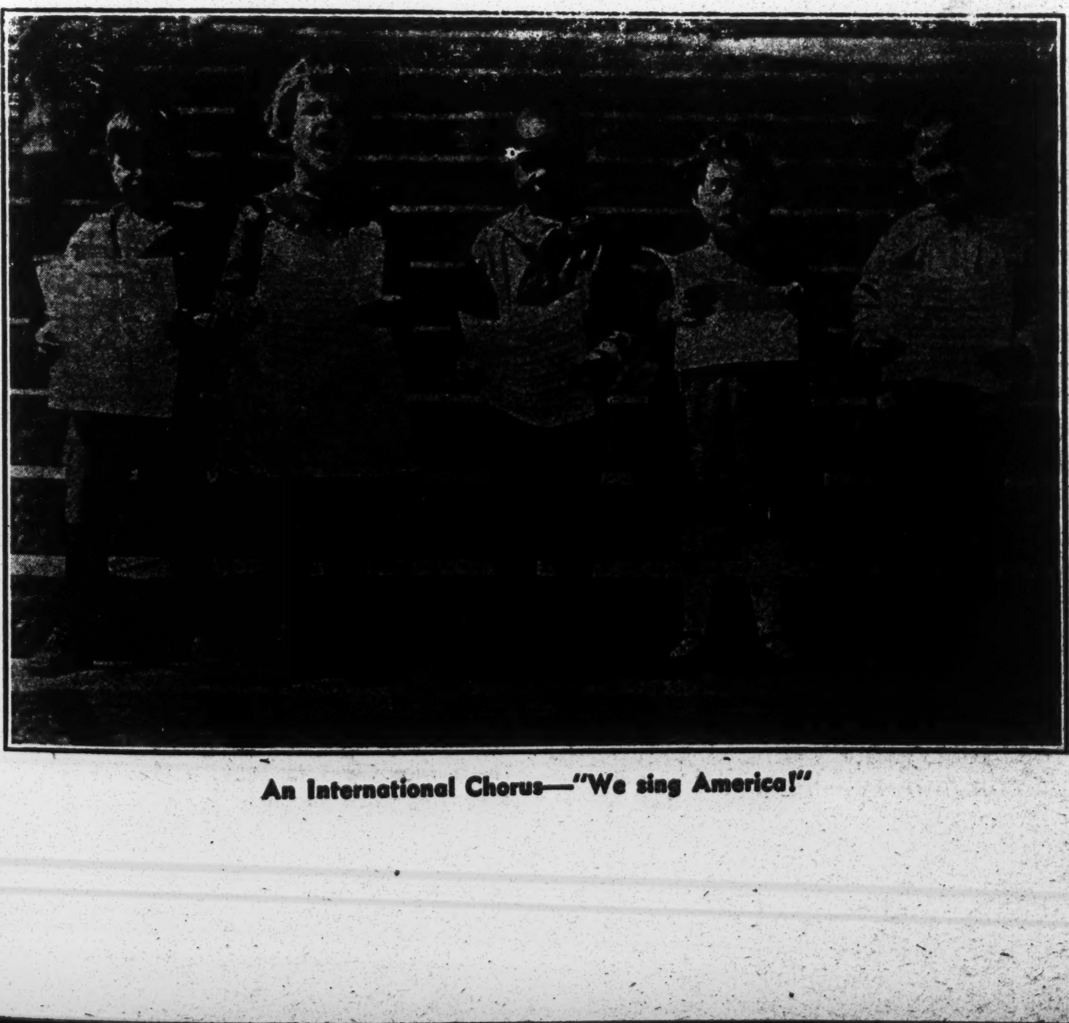
A new Presbyterial work has recently been started. New York Presbytery applied to the Women's Board for a worker. Miss Jean Dickie of Slippery Rock, Pa., was appointed. She begins her work in the Elmont congregation where one of her principal duties will be calling among the unchurched nearby to help them find a church home. She will also help in the youth work. She will later move on to other churches in the Presbytery to do the same type of work, reaching the unchurched and furnishing leadership for the young people.

MOUNTAIN MISSIONS

FRENCHBURG AND EZEL SCHOOLS

The schools in Frenchburg and Ezel have both increased in enrollment for the past few years reaching the highest number in the last year. Two years ago a small new school building had to be erected at Ezel to take care of the overflow of pupils. Now the same thing must be done in Frenchburg. A new building was planned for last year but high cost of building postponed it and a four-room temporary building of composition material was erected. This was crowded to the doors so this summer a permanent building must be erected. It will be smaller than originally planned and many desirable features will be eliminated, but it will provide space to give a Christian education to some, though not all, of the mountain children who are clamoring to come to our school. In both schools Christian teaching prevails through every grade.

The Frenchburg and Ezel churches continue under the ministration of the Rev. Ralph E. Ayers. Regular services are held in each church every week. During the year the Ezel congregation remodeled the interior of their church, making it almost as beautiful as the exterior. The Frenchburg congregation plans to redecorate the auditorium also this year. This too is a beautiful, substantial church but of different architecture from the Ezel church.



An International Chorus—"We sing America!"

JANE COOK HOSPITAL

The hospital has had a busy year and for the first time was well staffed with a Superintendent, three graduate nurses and a practical nurse. From January 1, 1947 to December 1, 1947, eleven months, there were 115 babies born under its roof, there were 31 surgical cases, 17 accidents and 18 deaths. A total of 594 patients and 3463 patient days. Many friends of the hospital have been generous in remembering it with gifts. A portable fracture table and a resuscitator were the largest gifts but sheets, towels, patients' gowns, articles for babies and many other gifts have been most gratefully received. This hospital is filling a great need where there is no other hospital so we ask your continued interest and prayers that its work may be done in the spirit of the great Physician.

A little patient in the Jane Cook Hospital, Frenchburg, Kentucky

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Edgar B. Murdoch

FRENCHBURG SCHOOL
Frenchburg, Kentucky

With the close of this year, Frenchburg School will have rendered thirty-nine years of service to this community. This school year began with three hundred and sixty-seven pupils enrolled. Two hundred and eighteen were in the grades and one hundred and forty-nine in the high school. Of the total number two hundred and thirty-four were transported in the County school buses. Almost all of the eighth grade pupils of the County are in our school. We have two eighth grade rooms. In May there will be fifty-eight graduating from the eighth grade and twenty-nine will receive their high school diplomas.

The general course of study prescribed by the State of Kentucky is taught by a staff of seven teachers in the grades and ten in the high school. Besides our teachers on the staff, nine other workers are employed in the office, the clothing store, kitchen and for the campus maintenance.

A number of extra-curricular activities have been featured this year, including the Allied Youth, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, National Forensic League, 4-H Club, Future Farmers of America, Orchestra, Glee Club, Folk Games and Basketball. All of these except the basketball are sponsored by regular teachers on the staff, who willingly give of their time to help the young people.

Through our Vocational Agricul-

Five Frenchburg High School graduates who started together in first grade and finished in the Senior Class in May, 1948. The three in the center are cousins.

1948 Graduating Class, Frenchburg, Kentucky

ture department, we are hosts to the Veterans' classes in Vocational Agriculture. There are one hundred and twenty-five veterans who are taking this course. Classes are held one evening and Saturday morning every week. Teachers in this department are hired by the County Board and rental and janitor service are paid as well. Through this department a shop building has been erected on the campus. Material was furnished by the Federal government and work done by the members of the veterans' classes.

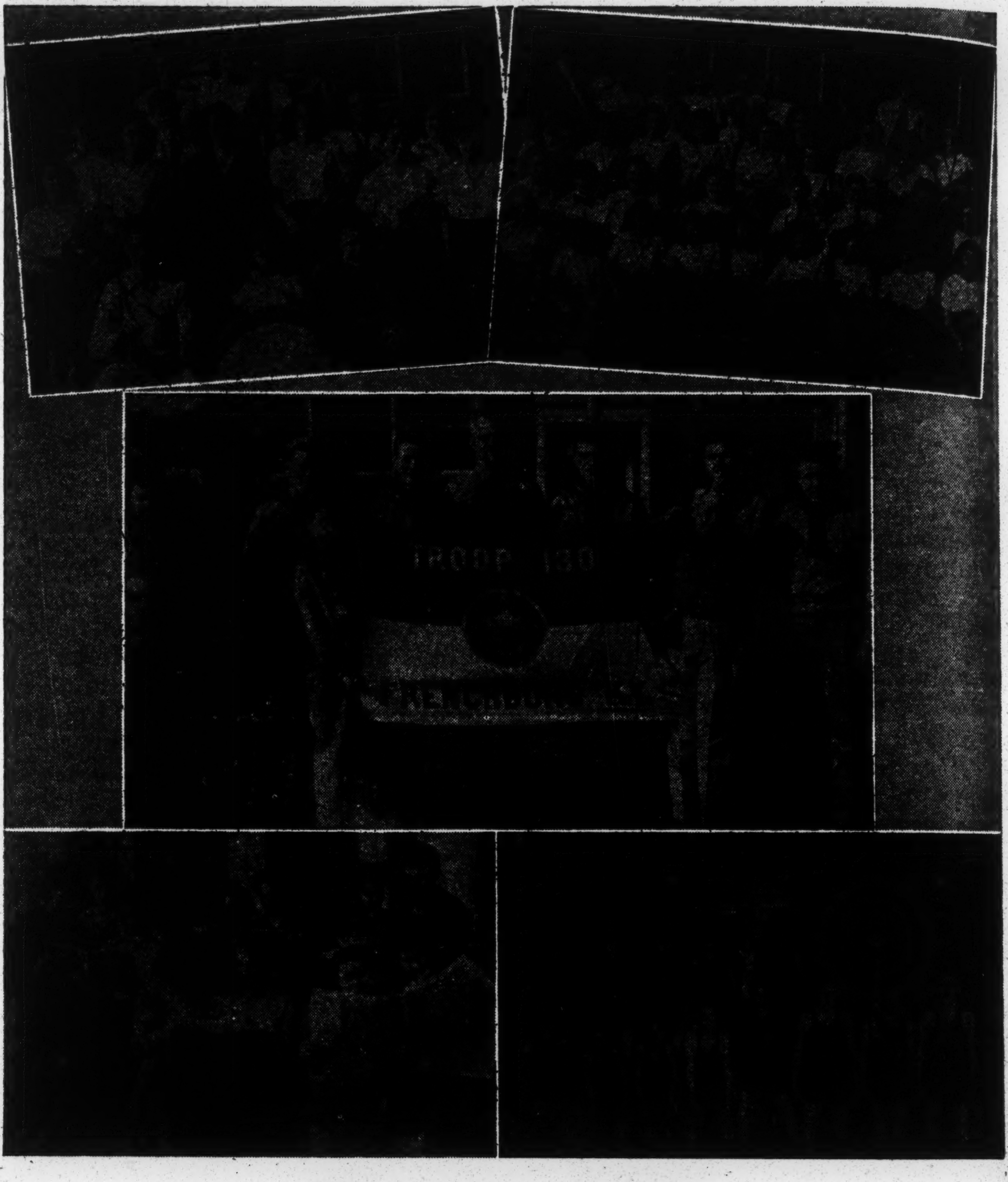
During the school year, the dormitory has been the home of twenty-four girls and two boys. There are several applications for next year. All of the dormitory students work to help pay their way. An average of $357.57 each month is earned by these students. This experience has proved very valuable in their lives. A pleasant home life is provided here that means much to them. Often the faculty members have spoken of the inspiration received from the contact with the students in the dormitory.

One of the important branches of our work is the second-hand clothing store. This has been open three days each week and two people have been needed to handle the sorting and selling of the contents of boxes sent to us by societies and individuals throughout the church. The clothing is a great help to many families and the small sums charged bring in an income to the school which is a great help in the maintenance of the school.

Many societies send to us new articles of clothing, toys, books and other items which are useful in filling a Christmas box. This last Christmas, thirty-six such boxes were distributed to needy families. A visit to some of these homes would easily convince one of the blessing the box would be. Several lovely letters of gratitude were received.

The entire campus family attends regularly the services of worship at the Frenchburg United Presbyterian Church. Several staff members are serving as Sabbath School teachers and help in the music. On Sabbath afternoons, two rural Sabbath Schools are conducted by staff members and some of the older students.

Coming to the end of the church year, and looking back over the way



STUDENT ACTIVITIES, FRENCHBURG

Top left—Band; right—Orchestra; center—Boy Scout Troop; lower left—Staff, School Paper; right—Basketball Team.

Preparing Dinner—Dormitory, Frenchburg, Kentucky

we have come, we cannot help praising our God for His faithfulness and loving kindness. We are continually made happy by witnessing the ever-present work of the Holy Spirit in our midst and especially in the lives of the young people in our charge. We must admit our work is not in vain and is God's work. We as a staff are all happy to have a part in it.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur Gathman

EZEL SCHOOL

Ezel School continues to endeavor to be in truth a Christian training Center, maintaining a complete school from the first grade through the high school. Our total enrollment has climbed to 396. Our staff this year included, in addition to the superintendent, sixteen full-time teachers and two part-time teachers plus a clothing room operator and a cook for the Teacher's Home. To the lower six grades was added an "Opportunity Room" which helped to meet a very definite need for boys and girls who were much retarded because of previous conditions in some of our outlying communities which the school buses reach. Our high school continues to maintain its Class A rating with the State Department of Education.

Bible instruction is given in all the twelve grades of the school under capable and well-trained Bible teachers. These classes are in addition to the chapel services and other Christian service activities of the school. A wonderful week of religious emphasis was experienced in revival services held in November when the Lord wonderfully blessed the ministry of Rev. J. B. Kendall of Lexington, Kentucky, who was our evangelist that week in the school and in the church services. Not only that week but throughout the school year we have evidenced the working of the Holy Spirit in our midst in the lives of our boys and girls.

Along with the regular activities program of our school life, which includes basketball, folk games, class plays, choral groups and the other little events that add interest to the school program, we rejoiced to see the growth of our youth in such activities as Youth for Christ Rallies, daily prayer meetings by the students, personal work groups like the "Ambassadors" and King's Daughters. Our Young People conducted several gospel services out

Graduating Class 1948 Ezel.

in rural school buildings. Rural Sunday Schools were held by members of our staff in four outlying districts.

Our Ezel Junior Missionary Society continues to be the largest in the United Presbyterian Church. There are so many in the society that they usually meet in two groups: the first three grades in one group and the fourth, fifth, and sixth in the other.

The Ezel Clothing Store continues its wonderful service to this and many surrounding communities. Because of the generous gifts that have been sent to us by our missionary societies, Bible classes, and personal gifts from all over the Church we have kept a full-time Clothing Store manager very busy. The store is open daily Monday through Friday and most mornings find a good-sized crowd there. Thus it has helped the school, as it has for several years, in meeting the running expenses of the school. At the same time it has been a great service to our people and they appreciate it.

Thus we have much for which to praise the Lord and for which to thank Him for the privileges we have enjoyed and the opportunities that have been ours in His service under the Women's General Missionary Society, which has supported us in this work.

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Heagen

FRENCHBURG AND EZEL CHURCHES

In Ezel there have been 16 accessions to the membership of the church, 9 by certificate and 7 by profession of their faith in Christ, 4 removals by certificate, a net increase of 12 making the present membership 134. Some of these 134 are away from the community and others are inactive. The Session has taken action to revise the roll after consultation with these inactive members. The past year has been a year of great blessing. In the school there have been voluntary groups meeting daily for prayer and there has been a great deal of personal work done by the pupils as well as by the teachers. The church, school and community have been stirred and greatly blessed through the revival meetings led by the Rev. J. B. Kendall, a Methodist Evangelist from Lexington, Ky. There were at least 50 conversions. Another spiritual blessing was experienced in March through Youth for Christ meetings led by a young man from Bob Jones University. The members of the Ezel Young People's society have received a great blessing from the testimony meetings they have conducted in the nearby communities. It has been a year of real spiritual growth for many in our church and school.

The present membership of the Frenchburg Church is 89. There has been one accession by certificate and nine removals by certificate making a net loss in membership of eight. There have been several conversions during the year but none of them united with our church. We have suffered the loss of three of the members of our Session during the year, two by removal from the community and one by death. Raymond Hughes, one of our elders, died last November. He was a graduate of the Frenchburg School. After returning from the war he had married Miss Alice Girven, one of our teachers. While there were circumstances which caused discouragement in the first part of the church year we are very thankful that at the present time there is a fine spirit of cooperation in the church and school. There has been marked evidence of real spiritual growth in the church.

The pastor is very thankful to God for recovery from a serious operation and the ability to take up the work normally again. He is also thankful to the people of both churches for their prayers and wonderful expression of appreciation during his sickness.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Ralph E. Ayers

THE WESTLAND MISSION

This is my fifth and last annual report of the work of the Westland Mission. The five years have been very interesting, and packed with a great variety of experiences. This Mission has been here for a good many years, and I have served as its fourth missionary. We trust that the work shall continue for many years to come. The light must be kept

A view in Ezel, Kentucky, showing school buildings and church.

burning. It has been a real pleasure to work under our Women's Board, and more directly under Mrs. Murdoch. Many societies and friends have been very kind and helpful, all this we appreciate very much.

Two ministers have served us during the past year: Rev. John M. Scott, of the North Buffalo Church was with us until June 8th; then Rev. B. M. Wallace, of the Hickory Church came to us, and has been our pastor since then. Services have been held each Sabbath; Communion each quarter; special services during Holy Week, on Easter, Children's Day, and in November Rev. E. V. Clements, of India, was our Thank Offering speaker. Sixteen new members have been received on Confession of Faith, and one by Letter. Two members have transferred to other churches; three have changed to the Catholic Church; one has died. Four adults have been baptized, and eight children.

Our offerings for the year amounted to: $723.19

Expenditures: $725.35

Approximately 390 calls have been made in the homes and hospitals.

Prayer Meetings have been held with reasonable regularity each Wednesday evening. These meetings have been devoted to prayer and Bible study.

Our total Sabbath School enrollment is now 112. We have eleven classes; five of our teachers come from other churches. Our attendance during the year has averaged 49. We observed Rally and Promotion Day the last Sabbath in September. We had our Christmas program in December, and a Candle Light service on Christmas Eve. Two groups went carolling. Our offerings have amounted to $203.78 and our expenditures $234.42. The annual picnic was held in the Canonsburg Park in August with a good attendance and a good time for everyone.

The Summer Bible School was held for six weeks, with four groups each meeting for two weeks. The Primary boys and girls came in the morning the first two weeks, and the Beginners in the afternoon; the Junior group followed, and then the colored children. The total enrollment was 61, and the average attendance 50.

The Women's Missionary Society has held eleven meetings, and has eight members. Offerings were $58.00. Thank Offering $48.30. Total $106.30. This group conducted a service on the World Day of Prayer. Mrs. Wallace, our pastor's wife, was the speaker. The women also sewed some garments for Mrs. Clements to take with her to India. The Young Women's Society has eighteen members. Offerings $32.00. Thank Offering $13.05. Total $45.05. The two Societies have filled four bags of clothing for overseas relief, and contribute each month to a "pantry" for use when the need arises.

We hold Junior Society meetings each Sabbath evening, although there is no organization. The children also receive missionary instruction in the Sabbath School, the Summer Bible School, and from time to time in the Bible Clubs. They contributed $5.00 to the Junior Special, and $6.15 to the Thank Offering. Total giving $16.15.

The afternoon Bible Club grew so large that we divided the group, and have had two meetings each week. The evening groups have varied because of school activities and outside interests. The colored boys and girls have been coming since the first of the year each Friday evening.

Miscellaneous activities and projects have included: repairing and refinishing the church floor and laying a new carpet; printing of a newssheet called the "Mission Bell"; the missionary has kept ten speaking appointment and taught in the

Leadership Training School of the Wabash District Sabbath School Association.

We trust that all the friends of the Mission will pray much for the work here and for those who shall carry on.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy E. Partington

THE HAMILTON AVENUE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Although the past year has brought many blessings to our Mission Church, the Resurrection season makes us feel that Spring in all its glory means the beginning of new converts for Christ in the coming year. It also carries Hope for the sorrowful, Faith for those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and Love to those that follow His teachings.

Over the twelve months the Hamilton Avenue Church fared very well in the Young Peoples' Meetings and all its activities. The Forum Group held a series of studies on the Protestant Denominations, and the practicability of a unified and single church in Christ. Ministers from the Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopalian, and Presbyterian churches came to speak to the Young People on their particular denomination. The studies of these lessons were enlightening and encouraging.

During the National Youth Week our Young People's Society invited the Young People's Societies from the various district churches to attend a special worship service. Approximately ninety-five young people attended. The Second District Y. P. C. U. Spring Rally was also held in our church Friday, April 2.

The Ladies Aid made $154 from the Bazaar which was held in December. The proceeds were used to paint the Sunday School rooms. The Women's Missionary Society and the Ladies' Aid are making preparations for the Annual Spaghetti Dinner to be held April 29th.

At Christmas time our Sabbath School presented an excellent Christmas Program. The attendance was very good.

All the people in the surrounding district were invited to attend the pre-Easter Services. Several outstanding religious films were shown. The Calling of Matthew was presented on Palm Sunday; Wednesday during Holy Week — Man Of Faith was shown; Thursday Night we had Holy Communion; and Holy Friday—The Drama Of The Cross. Many Catholic people attended these meetings and they were very much impressed.

Four members of our Sabbath School joined church on Easter Sabbath. There was one child baptized and two deaths during the year.

Several families moved to California and Buffalo bringing our membership down to one hundred.

We ask for your prayers that God will bless the seed that is sown, that many will find Christ this coming year. We hope and pray that our Mission Church will be a guiding light in this district, and may the Lord richly bless all the work to the Glory of His Name and to the salvation of souls.

Mary Cianio

SLOVAN MISSION

"Behold a sower went forth to sow; some seeds fell by the wayside; but others fell into good ground and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold."

They told us during the war that if we wished to have a "Victory Garden" to choose a plot of ground where there were a lot of weeds for if the weeds would grow, so would the vegetables because the soil was good.

We have chosen a place for a "Victory Garden," where the grass does not grow of itself. As you look over the fields around Slovan you do not see green fields, but fields of yellow clay with deep gutters and around the lots are the cinder and hard clay paths. The poisons from the Chemical Company on the hill have destroyed the green fields and the only natural vegetation is swamp grass and elderberry bushes. It may be that when the Chemical Company has completely closed, that grass will again grow in the fields and dotted over the village you will find tiny gardens where the owners have brought in good soil and fertilizer and after a lot of hard work they will have a few lovely flowers and vegetables.

We, too, have a "Victory Garden," where the Word has gotten down into the hearts of young people and has brought forth fruit. I am thinking of those who meet twice a week to sing God's praises, to study his Word, to pray for the members of their families and who are looking for a revival. It is this group that makes the "Victory Garden" worthwhile. I would also include in this group those who have gone away from Slovan yet remember the mission and write "My heart will always be in Slovan. I do hope the mission is being kept up. I am sending a little money to be used there. May God Bless You."

I am thinking of the 39 families where the seed has been sown regularly and yet it seems to have fallen on the wayside. Please pray that God will break this hard clay and let the seed down into the soil.

We have lost several large families during the year. Several of our poorest families have had to move. I just pray that as they live in these new communities that they will find a place of worship where they will feel welcome in their very shabby clothes. I have practically clothed some of these children (through the kindness of juniors in other churches) and I wonder what they will wear in the future.

During the Christmas season we were able to give toys, both old and new, and clothing and treat. We also passed apples and candy at each meeting during the Christmas season and January. Money was given to two families to buy food until relief could be started. This money was not taken from the mission treasury.

We are visiting the new families and inviting them to our services and have some good results, but we wonder how long this moving away from Slovan will keep up.

Please pray for us as we try to carry out God's will in Slovan.

Mrs. R. G. Russell

A NEW FIELD

Whether it is the end of a perfect hour, or a perfect day, whether it is the end of a perfect month, or a perfect year, there comes always a moment of regret. For the very word "end" is a grim word of finality which is bound to bring with it an element of heartache.

This year has brought an end to two delightful and precious experiences in my life. The first and greatest was the end of my dear father's earthly life. But I shall never cease to thank God it is not the end of our life together, only a little while, though we may call it years. He had so large a share in my work up to the very last that it seems almost a part of me gone.

The other was the turning over of my classes to the Rev. J. M. Campbell who is now in charge of the North Burbank field and is pursuing plans for the speedy erection of a church plant. This is a promising field and has brought rich returns for my feeble efforts. Mr. Campbell has taken over the teaching of the five children's clubs and has had a most gratifying attendance. I wonder so often how mothers can be unfaithful to their offspring when I find it so hard to sever my relationship with the children just in the capacity of a "Bible Club teacher." However, many a time I have had to take the place of a mother in that coveted position of spiritual advisor, prayer being offered at my knee, which only a mother should hear.

Both of these experiences are now but a pleasant memory. How thankful I am for One Who sits above the Book of Life and in Whose Hand is my hand and goes not only with me but before me to make a fresh start. The wistful moment will come, but "joy cometh in the morning."

The enlargement of influence and corresponding responsibility that has come to the people of North America certainly is having its repercussions on the expansion of mission enterprise at home and abroad. How shall we escape if we neglect our great responsibility to the masses migrating to our very doors, many of whom are adrift without God.

We are thankful for the many children of Catholic, Mormon, Christian Science, and Protestant background of the North Burbank field who might never have found Christ as their Saviour if it were not for the Neighborhood Bible Club.

Also the mothers and older women who have been out of the church for years who have come to an intelligent understanding of being born anew in Him and experienced old things passing away and all things becoming new in their Happy Hour Bible Club taught by their faithful, capable teacher, Mrs. F. A. Hasch. Several women of one neighborhood have told me what a change has come over one of the members of this class who also conducts a Bible class in her home. "She looks and acts like a different woman." She is one of the sweetest and most helpful and generous hostesses with whom I have been privileged to work.

This is the one aim and purpose in all our efforts as we now begin work in South East Alhambra. This area is a combination of a new project established on what was once the "Harlow Airport Field" and an old established community. Both communities are densely populated and we have just about completed the survey. Homes have been offered for the opening of children's clubs to which many parents are very eager to send their children. There has been a request for an adult Bible class for, said one mother, "My children ask me questions I am not able to answer." We will need two, one in the old and one in the new community. One mother of Italian descent, said, "Surely God sent you to my door. I have been here for three years and no one ever invited me to church. I attended a Bible class back home, but I have just about lost my faith. My children have picked up language they never used back home. Thank you so much for coming to my door. I would be so happy to go with you to a Bible

There is a hunger in the hearts of many who have migrated here from other states for friendship and companionship, and especially for the "Friend" they appear to know so little about. A membership in a church in some far-off state is the only contact that many can claim in their relationship to God. Others have transferred their membership but have never experienced a divine touch and consequently have become careless in attendance and indifferent to any new appeal. I have had so much experience with the latter type that I feel keenly the responsibility of laying a solid foundation in the hearts of the children and adults in giving full instruction on the fundamentals of the Christian faith. It is our supreme aim, purpose, and earnest prayer that such knowledge will lead to the personal acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ as

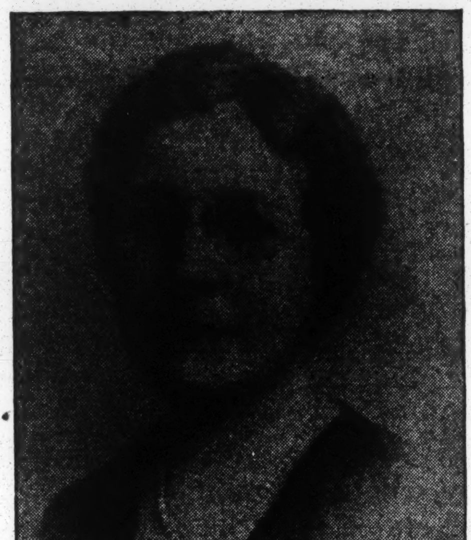
Respectfully submitted
Ruth E. Findley

REPORT OF

Foreign Missions

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1948

The report of the Foreign Mission Department of the Women's General Missionary Society is submitted with deep gratitude to the God who ever reigneth, and "whose hand is not shortened that it cannot save, neither His ear heavy that it cannot hear" the cry of His children in behalf of the work and the workers across the seas.



Mrs. Arthur B. McBride
Secretary of Foreign Missions

There have been many difficulties: hatred has expressed itself in violence; government regulations have made tense situations; but we thank God for the undimmed vision and unfaltering zeal of our missionaries, native pastors, and teachers in times of unrest and violence and even plague. The arrow did fly by day, the pestilence walked in darkness and destruction wasted at noonday, but God proved a refuge and a fortress. We praise Him for His kind care and keeping of our missionaries, for not one was afflicted and all were kept from harm, and able to minister to those in distress and need.

Matters of vital importance in the Missions have called for much prayer. The cholera epidemic in Egypt took many lives and caused great concern in caring for the affected, getting serum and inoculating the people. The school and Church programs were greatly disrupted and many precautions were taken to stay the plague . . . Grave problems of relief, unemployment, sickness and homelessness of masses of displaced persons in the Punjab in the terrible looting, burning and murdering there brought serious problems to our Sialkot Mission. The division of the Punjab into Pakistan and India has brought grave problems of administration and policy. The Board of Foreign Missions and the Women's Board have been greatly concerned about the question of relief for the Christian communities and have granted sums for immediate relief and made plans for long-range relief programs looking to the economic security of the Christians by teaching new industries and by loans, making them able to get a new start in life. The plan for the change of policy in the Synod of the Punjab with an Administrative Board composed of Indian and American members is being studied, and calls for much prayer for guidance. The division of the Sudan Mission into The American Mission of the North Sudan and The American Mission of the South Sudan was decided at the Annual Meeting, subject to the approval of the two Boards in America and then the final vote at the General Assembly Meeting. The North Sudan is predominantly Muslim and the South

Sudan is populated by pagan tribes. The cooperation of the Reformed Church in America with the Mission of the South Sudan by personnel, prayer and gifts, brings new hope and challenge to witness for Christ among these tribes. . . . Though the settlement in Addis Ababa is still pending, the late survey of Western Ethiopia brings new hope of an extended witness for Christ in this land. The Maji, Ghimeera and Ooka River areas present a challenge to our missionaries to "Go—tell" which these devoted men and women have accepted, laying hold on the promise of His presence with them.

The recent visit of Dr. Frank C. Laubach to Egypt and Ethiopia has brought new stimulus to the campaign for literacy and literature—(these are inter-dependent). Missionaries and native pastors and teachers are furthering the cause by tireless effort. New light and joy are coming into the lives of the underprivileged of each of our Missions when they are able to read God's Word for themselves. Our task is to promote this service and furnish fit material for these new literates in each land. This project calls for additional personnel and money to further literacy and to prepare and circulate literature, not only in Egypt and Ethiopia, but also in India and Pakistan and The Sudan.

During the year Mrs. W. R. Coventry retired from service in Egypt where she has served faithfully and well. Miss Leota Cabeen has been incapacitated for service by illness which detained her in Egypt; upon her return to America she will retire. It is hoped care and treatment may be successful in her restoration to health. Miss Laurella G. Dickson, who served India 40 years, passed to her reward March 29, 1948. Her loving service in behalf of the village women will long be remembered by them, and her memory honored by those who knew and loved her. The ranks of those who have long carried the burden of the work are thinning, but God is calling out young women to carry on the witness.

During the Church year 1947-1948 the following young women have been accepted for appointment and have been assigned to regular service: Miss Elizabeth H. Turner, R.N., Miss Dorothy M. Fisher, and Miss Edith M. Drake to West Punjab, Pakistan; Miss Joan E. Yilek to the South Sudan; Miss Alberta A. Tedford, R.N., to Egypt, and Miss Mary Nell Harper, R.N., to Ethiopia. To short-term service, there have been twelve appointments: to Egypt, Miss Mary T. Anderson, R.N., Mrs. Don Armstrong, the Misses Helen V. Kirkness, R.N., Mary Lou Lash, Mary Laura Markley, Beatrice McClellan, Shirley A. Moss and Mary Eloise Reed; to the North Sudan, the Misses Rosaltha Kenagy, M. Helen McCoy, and Mary Louise Shields; and to Ethiopia, Miss Eileen Halewood, R.N., of England. Miss Marie F. Tait was reappointed to Egypt after an extended furlough made necessary because of her parents' illness. Miss Louise N. Williamson of Benha, Egypt is leaving the Mission this summer to be married and make her home in England. Two appointees of last year have changed their plans and have not been sent to Egypt. Other young women are in various stages of completing papers for appointment, and we hope all requests for short-termers may be filled before the schools open. The Women's Board appreciates the willingness of these new recruits to serve their Lord in foreign lands, and is grateful to all pastors, families, and Church members who have helped in recruiting new workers for our Mission fields.

The care of our W.G.M.S. missionaries is always of great concern to the Women's Board representing the women of our Church. Medical aid, out-of-country mid-term vacation allowance, and furlough study have been provided, and in addition a bonus of ten dollars a month has been voted for this year to help with increased living costs on the foreign field. Miss M. Evelyn Cathcart has completed the requirements for a Master's degree in Education from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio while on furlough this year. We congratulate Miss Cathcart who was in charge of the Girls' Day School at Rawalpindi, West Punjab, Pakistan.

Even though building materials have been costly and hard to obtain, urgent needs made necessary the building of a home for the missionary at Omdurman, North Sudan together with provision for Bible women and caretakers; and also the building of a home for Women's Board missionaries at Doleib Hill in the South Sudan. The erection of a Women's Unit of Taxila Hospital, Pakistan has been started. Plans are being studied for a new hospital building in Tanta, Egypt. Dr. Emile Sayegh of Tanta Hospital, now studying in New York, has been speaking in the interests of this great need. Plans for "The School for the Blind" and a house for Women's Board missionaries in Sayo, Ethiopia have been accepted and permission granted for these necessary buildings.

The Women's General Missionary Society is responsible for the salaries of missionaries, language teachers, travel, itinerating and station expenses, as well as the maintenance of institutions and all expenses incident to the upkeep of hospitals, schools, and houses for missionaries, Bible women, matrons and servants.

The Women's Board gratefully acknowledges the continuing prayers, interest and support of the work by the women of the W.G.M.S., for without these the work could not be carried on. The doors of opportunity are wide open in some fields and threatening to close in others. Let us be much in prayer for God's guidance as we together seek to know and to do His will, to be faithful stewards of that which has been committed unto us.

Mrs. Arthur B. McBride,
Secretary of Foreign Missions.

JUNE, 1948
W.G.M.S. MISSIONARY PERSONNEL

		Total
PUNJAB - PAKISTAN	30	
INDIA	5	
		35
EGYPT		39
SUDAN - North and South		14
ETHIOPIA		7
Active - Total		95
Inactive Because of Illness	3	
Retired from Punjab	7	
Retired from Egypt	10	20
Total Supported		115
Under Regular Apointment		
Re-Ap., EGYPT	1	
ETHIOPIA	1	3
S. SUDAN	1	3
Short-termers—		
EGYPT	10	
N. SUDAN	3	
ETHIOPIA	1	14
GRAND TOTAL		132

"In distant lands they wondered how
Their simple words had power
At home the Christians, two or three,
Had met to pray an hour."

Egypt

The Ministry Of Preaching

WOMEN'S WORK LUXOR DISTRICT EGYPT

We are glad to report that the church women are now supporting an evangelist in a very needy district where almost no work has been done. They make pledges and the treasurer gathers the money each week. It is surprising how well they have done since having a definite object to which to give.

The mother and sister of my two Bible Teachers in Luxor, died in September a week after her youngest son's marriage. She had been ill of something like T.B. for about 15 years, and was ready to go. It was wonderful how Iffa and her aunt Um Mufeda gained the victory over the old tenacious mourning customs, refusing to allow the wailing women to stay and chant, and in going to Church the very next Sabbath after the funeral in the face of public opinion against them. We do thank God for His power as shown in their lives. Their words now have added weight when they visit mournings.

The girls have been giving their offerings to pay the travel of two young women who go out to several villages twice a week, one of whom is a volunteer worker—this is a fine thing. They are teaching a number to read and also treat sore eyes and simple ailments.

The classes for illiterate girls were small the first of the term, but now we have more than we can properly look after. We teach them Bible stories using the flannelgraphs which they seem to enjoy very much. In the handwork, knitting is very popular but embroidered tablecloths and slips still hold first place in their interests. I was pleased to visit one of these former pupils who has married and lives in Kom Ombo, when I was there on the "Ibis" this fall. She was glad to see us and very grateful for our having taught her to read.

The street children's S.S's have gone better this year. In one of them are three big Moslem women who come regularly and help keep order. They listen with great eagerness and pleasure. In this new place the big boys have not troubled us and we have been able to keep on all winter

ALEXANDRIA
CAIRO
GIZEH
EL FAYUM
BENI SUEF
MAGHOGHA
ABU KERKAS
SAMALUT
NAZALI GANUB
ASSIUT
GIHEINA
SOHAG
BAGURA
KUS
ESNA

Valley of the Nile

with no one throwing stones and dust at us so far.

We do thank God for the use of the houseboat "Ibis" from which we were able to visit 16 towns and villages, holding women's meetings in each and visiting in the homes. Many of these places have no evangelical witness, either meeting-place or school. They were so hungry to hear and one man said: "We are so thirsty —why don't you send us an evangelist?" As we were riding on a bus near one village we saw a large group of women, shrieking and brandishing large staffs as they walked. When we asked a man what they were doing, he said: "They are fighting against God because He has taken some one in death." It was pathetic and awful. Who will tell them the way to their Father's House?

We had many answers to prayer on this trip. Because of the cholera down country, we had all our sailors, as well as ourselves, inoculated and our certificates duly sealed and photos attached. We thought we could travel, if we had them, as people were allowed to do on the trains, but the man at the public health office said: "You can't move from here (Kom Ombo). No travel on the river is allowed at all." We were in consternation — we prayed and when the six days were up after the inoculations and the sailors went to get their certificates we asked again when we could travel. This time it was another man and he said: "Tomorrow." We praised our Lord and took up anchor next morning for Edfu. At Esna where we have to go through locks through the dam we were held up two weeks, being told several dates when the repairs and dredging would be finished but when the time came we were put off again. About 30 sailboats were held up, some for over 2 months. We had to be in Luxor by Dec. 15 and we had four more places to visit before then—it was then Dec 8. We went to see the chief, and following us were about 10 captains of these sailboats. The chief, a Muslim, was very kind, said he would cut the pipes and wires across the bridge and open the locks on Dec. 10—the miracle happened, praise God—we reached Luxor on time.

Esther W. Wilson

ASSIUT DISTRICT—EVANGELISTIC

A furlough is a joyful privilege and mine was very worthwhile. I gained twenty-two pounds in weight, had a good rest, renewed family ties and those with friends, saw something of what is being done in Settlement Work and Church activities. I always enjoy talking about Egypt and shall cherish the new friends who were so cheeringly interested in the Master's Kingdom out here.

This furlough saw the realization of a twenty-year-long dream of a Ford to take us places in this large district. What a joy it is and how it increases the number of places we can reach in a given time! We thank and praise God for it and for the good friends who made it possible.

These last two months have been spent on "The Ibis". First in the south end of the Assiut Presbytery and later in the north end of the Mellawi Presbytery. This leaves the places nearer Assiut City to be reached from here after the boat went on down to the Minia District. Miss Davida Finney and Miss Helena Michael were with me most of the time. They are a splendid Evangelistic team. As well as looking after libraries they aroused enthusiasm for the Dr. Laubach Literacy Campaign—getting the women interested in learning to read or, for those who are educated, to teach others to read. It is thrilling to watch the faces as the women begin to spell out the letters. "Why! It is easy!" they exclaim, and their faces show amazement, incredulity and, then, as they begin to realize that they can learn, they are radiant.

Miss Julia Hanna, who was first a teacher and then a Bible Worker with the Mission for thirty-five years and is now retired, was on "The Ibis" with me part of the time. She had a wonderful welcome each place we went. The women were all glad to see her once more. Miss Kokab Mitry is now working in the Mellawi Presbytery. At present she is working in Quseeya where she has a group of women and girls learning to read by the Laubach Method. She is teaching them Bible, some sewing and simple housekeeping lessons. It is a very informal Club. The pastor is urging that she stay on for a while longer as the opportunity is good. The Coptic priest has asked for a class for the women of his church. So she is to give lessons one morning a week in the Coptic church of the village.

Miss Hayyat Hanna was a Bible Teacher in Mansura until her mother's health required her to come to Assiut to be with her mother. She is now free to work half time so has joined our Assiut staff. We are glad to have her with us. She is now getting contacts with the mothers of the children in the school for underprivileged children which is run in the basement of our First Church here in town. She finds an appalling ignorance of things spiritual among them and not much better conditions physically. She hopes to reach the mothers of children in similar schools here in Assiut City which are being financed and supervised by a group of wealthy Christian women who have a vision of service for the Christ in the persons of some of His little ones. May they be blessed and their number increased.

Ada Acheson Dunlap
(Mrs. William J.)

MINIA DISTRICT

Day by day as we plod along we see many things to discourage us, but when asked to write a year's report of the work and we take a kaleidoscopic view of it all we see so many outstanding victories that we would just like to stop and sing the "Hallelujah Chorus."

Last year again I was responsible for the work in Assiut-Mellawi-Minia Districts and so naturally was able to touch only a few places in each District. Nevertheless we saw that more places were interested in holding the World Day of Prayer meeting and a number responded with offerings for Relief Work in Europe. These few places gave $35 for that cause.

Then in the Thank Offerings there was a more hearty response, new societies came forward with a Thank Offering and their Presbyterial meeting, especially in Assiut Presbytery, was a gala day and one that will long be remembered by the women of Sidfa where it was held and where their daughters took part in their first public Thank Offering play.

Then came the Laubach Conference with the attempt to start Adult Education throughout Egypt. We were able to start this work in several places, but the outstanding accomplishment was in Tahnasha where the young pastor was very much interested. Here a goodly group of the women and girls came together in the church for their lessons. Then the women who had learned to read several years ago wanted to study, so we started them in the Book Study of Luke. Everytime I met the pastor, between my visits to the village, he was enthusiastic about what was being accomplished. He said, "We have most of the women and the girls of the church studying—either just learning to read, or studying Luke or doing Bible memory work. Every time I enter a house for pastoral visits I am at once asked how to answer some Bible Question or asked to hear some one repeat a Chapter or a Psalm. *I have never before seen so much interest in Bible Study."* Our Girls' Clubs are also going forward in a very happy way. Our Bible Teacher in Minia is giving the Bible Lessons in the Clubs of Deir Mowas, Mellawi, Minia regular Club and the Minia "Sisters' Club". She is a very fine Bible Teacher and inspires the girls with a real love for the Book.

In Deir Mowas the Girls' School is housed in a new building which has been built this year by a consecrated Egyptian gentleman. He provides the appropriation for the school and gives us almost everything we need. The efficiency of the school is not yet what we could wish, but we can see that it is much better this year than it was last and the cooperation among the teachers is improving from week to week and so we are quite encouraged. Next year a niece of this Egyptian gentleman hopes to come to Deir Mowas and supervise the school herself. She has been studying for several years in the Girls' College in Cairo and we feel that with her help the school has a grand future promised.

Then as a final score in this "Hallelujah Chorus" let me say that another worker has arrived on the field and has taken over the evangelistic work of Assiut and Mellawi Presbyteries and from now on I shall just be responsible for the work in Minia District. What joy it will be to give my time to a small enough portion of Egypt where I may be permitted to sow the seed and then have time to return and water it, depending implicitly upon God to give the increase.

Jeannette L. McCrory

BENI SUEF EVANGELISTIC WORK

This past year has brought changes, both in workers, and in the work we have been able to do. At the end of last year, one of my Bible women, who had been here for about sixteen years and had done much of the village work and was much loved, was unable to carry on, in fact, had only been working part time some months. She left the work, at Dr. H. S. Hutchison's advice, because the walking, stair climbing, and travel, were too hard for her. Another, quite an elderly lady, who lived and worked in one of the smaller towns in the district, had to give up the work, first, because of sickness in the family, then

A Girls' Club with their leader, Miss Jeanette McCrory.

because of her own health. I hoped that she would return after the summer but she was unable to do so, so I had only one of my original workers, a woman who has given years of service, first as a teacher and then as a Bible woman. She does a lot of work in the city and sometimes travels, but she is especially valuable because of her knowledge of the people and the needs, and her ability to guide and help the young workers.

The middle of April, I was able to secure two young workers, one just graduated from the Bible School in Tanta, the other a woman living here, a product of our Assiut School, whose husband was taken into the army and so is unable to support her and her two small boys. She lives at home so they help her with the children.

Fortunately, we started our work from the Ibis, early, August 25 and had a very profitable three weeks, but after that, very little work was done until the last of the year. I had to take time out for hospitalization and an operation, but just about the time that I went to Tanta, the cholera epidemic began, which put a stop gradually to work, travel, etc. When I returned, early in November, conditions were much better, but we could only work here in the city, as buses and local trains were not running. One of the encouraging things has been that, in spite of the fear of the cholera, attendance has been very good at all the meetings and we are hoping, and praying, that this may be the beginning of a reviving which will strengthen them for what they may have to stand against, as the Mohammedan government tries to take away from them their privileges as Christians. Everything possible is being done, to make the country entirely Muhammadan, at least as far as appearances go.

Nellie C. Smith

EVANGELISTIC WORK FAYUM

This past year I have made a great many calls in homes of mourning, homes filled with black-dressed women who have come to "comfort" their bereaved friends. Much of the time they sit in complete silence but often one can hear their wailing from afar. We are glad that to groups such as these we can bring messages of hope and comfort and sometimes of warning and instruction as well. One is glad to see a gradual change for the better in the depressing mourning customs of this land. The theme for our Presbyterial this year is to be "A garment of praise instead of the spirit of heaviness." May we be clothed day by day with this garment of praise, even in times of sorrow, so that He may be truly glorified.

Cholera took a heavy toll in some of the Fayum villages. A hundred died in one village, eighty in another and so on. As soon as we were permitted to go to these villages again, we went to inquire about our friends. How happy we were to find that not one of our church members was taken in this way. We were thankful too, to see some evidences of revival and hunger for the Word of God. Recently when we arrived at a village church for a womens' meeting, a group of men met us at the door and asked if they could attend the meeting too. The women said they would not mind if the men listened from their side of the wooden partition which divides the men's from the women's side. One of our women workers gave an interesting talk on child care, the other gave a fine devotional talk on witnessing for Christ. When we practised some new Gospel choruses, the men, from their side of the partition, joined in heartily! It was unusual, for Egypt, but we came away cheered by their hunger for things spiritual!

About seventy mothers and young girls are receiving weekly reading and Bible lessons. The Girls' Club is having a good year too. One class is making baby clothes for an orphanage. Another is making attractive Scripture mottoes for their homes.

We are thrilled to think that a new, beautiful station wagon, the gift of a friend in America, will soon be here. We expect it to be a wonderful help in the work.

Helen J. Noordewier

BENHA BIBLE WORK

The past year divides itself into two distinct parts. The first half of the year was spent in Mansura in the girls' school. The many activities both in school and out, made the days pass quickly. It was a privilege to teach Bible to the highest class of girls. At the end of the year each of these girls professed her faith in the saving power of Christ. They made a pledge to read their Bibles and pray each day, which pledge we trust they are faithful in keeping. Most of them have gone on to higher schools where they will meet temptation and miss the Christian atmosphere and training of a Mission school. We pray they may be kept true to the Lord.

Also the opportunity to give the Bible teaching in the girl's sewing club was a challenge. As so many of these girls were from non-Christian homes, it was a responsibility to bring them to a realization of their need of salvation in Christ. We pray that the seed may have been sown on good soil and will bring forth fruit for the Kingdom.

In June we welcomed Miss Frances Patton's return and were glad to have her re-assume her efficient administration of the work in Mansura.

After a restful holiday at the Mission camp at Sidi Bishr, a new home and a new work awaited me. Mrs. W. R. Coventry had left us in the summer and I was assigned to continue the good work she had been doing so many years. It is difficult to express the debt we owe to the missionaries who have laid foundations so well. Our Egyptian friends never forget the missionaries they have known and spend much time telling of the fellowship they have had with them and the love they have for them. We have a goodly heritage in the work of those who have been before us and in the goodwill and love they have left in the hearts of the people.

Benha, both city and district, present a challenge to us who have the evangelistic program to carry on. The field is large and the workers few. Often we ask ourselves: "Who is sufficient for these things?" The answer we know is that "Our sufficiency is of God." If we are weak He is strong; if we are few, He is able to bless what little we can do to make it accomplish much.

Village visiting, meetings, the girls' weekly Bible class, church activities, all make the days full and interesting. One of our workers left us in November to be married, and another one will be leaving us in the spring for the same reason. While we will miss these workers, we know they will be blessings in their new homes and will carry on their Christian witness wherever they are. We pray the Lord will send us as faithful workers to take their places here.

We thank the Lord for open doors and pray we may have courage and strength to enter them as He leads. The greatest joy we have is to tell of the love of God in Christ to eager listeners and to see joy in their faces as they realize this love is for them. We claim the promise that "the word will not return void" and pray it it will yield a rich harvest in those who hear it and believe.

Rachel Tracy Seiver

WORK AMONG WOMEN IN CAIRO

Since last March's summary of the work of the church year two things stand out for me as characterizing our year among Cairo women: 1. More adequate equipment and financial provision for each of our present staff; 2. The beginning of a Home for our Cairo Work among Women.

1. We are most thankful for the increase in appropriation and in individual gifts of money, clothing and household things, that has made it possible to give our fatihful Bible Women some of these bare essentials they have been so much needing. How they have lived and kept their families alive through these years of soaring prices and with never a word of complaint makes me ashamed. Their daily witness in the homes, eight, ten, often twelve visits in a day, five days a week, eleven months in a year, has been unflagging. Comfort to sorrowing, rebuke to wandering, encouragement to troubled, teaching and direction to perplexed and bewildered, sympathy and understanding to the disheartened, have always turned the thoughts to Jesus the Living Savior Who is able to meet our every need. *They know.* He has met their need. Their lives overflow with His own loving thoughtfulness. No, they're not perfection, but I wish you could see their faithfulness and their joy in their work.

Some of our Bible Women had already been using their own methods to teach reading to women and girls in the homes, that they may read the Bible for themselves. These have found the new Laubach primers and the simple Readers of the Life of Jesus a great help. One Biblewoman who really knows the joys of reading has been especially busy since the Literature Conference encouraging Christian women who know how to read, to buy and use new books of devotion and Bible-study. It is so easy, even for girls who have been in our Mission schools, to let Christian study and growth drop with the school days—to be content with attending a worship service and hearing a lesson, and neglect personal growth and active witness.

The more intimately I know these ten Cairo Bible Women and their work the more admiration I have for them, and pray that their spirit of service and witness may become that of the whole church. The three Bible Women now on our retired list have life stories of struggle and salvation, of victory and service which only heaven has recorded. Despite frailty and near-blindness of body each is indisputably an answer to the prayer "Let my life sing!"

2. Some years ago the New World Movement provided homes for the work and workers among women in several of our districts. But our Cairo area is still without a Mission home for its work among women. Ezbekieh School though directed by two women missionaries is a Foreign Board School in Foreign Board property. Cairo College has a suitable plant. Fowler Children's Home also has its own property.

Missionary Superintendents of work among women have lived with Foreign Board missionaries, as Miss Anna Y. Thompson with Mrs. Harvey, or with the school folk, as at Faggala, which has now been given to the church there, or lived in Foreign Board property as we did for a while in Ezbekieh. Then Foreign Board buildings were needed for its work and workers. Furlough came and took one of the two women in the women's work. One room for the other was found at Fowler Children's Home. There, neither Bible Women nor church women nor the pastors could feel free to come to the superintendent, nor could she divide herself generously enough among them all to meet the full need of the work. Mrs.

Acheson's assistance in visiting and in counsel has been and still is invaluable. Meeting room in Ezbekieh only partially meets the need.

Finally, in the summer of 1947 permission was granted to rent a property which should be home for the work among women. We were permitted to select from store-room accumulations of things that had been used by various ladies' households. This supplemented things personally accumulated for the work through the years, and a few things purchased from American Army surplus for the Bible Women. Other things were bought. Some funds were granted to help in this and to pay expense of repairing and conditioning these things for use. It took weeks to get these things done, and much more is needed. But if you could see the delight of the Bible Women each time they come you'd feel it worthwhile. "This is our home. We don't want to leave." They have freedom to visit together. They know no one is waiting for the room. No time is set to leave. They are welcomed to privately present personal problems or those of their individual work, as they cannot even in the intimacy of their own group. We are most thankful for the opportunities to help them each which this home has afforded.

But (and here we come to No. 3 of my characterizings of the year—the doors ahead) the best place we were then able to find is *far from* the central location which we need, to be really available to our staff and to the women of the various churches of this great city-district, also to be convenient for us to get to them. We now have basic equipment but still need to find *the right place.*

Also, we need more American staff, and more Egyptian staff, and more wisdom for the development of the work. There seem limitless opportunities — opportunities for teaching the simpler women, older and younger, in their homes. Christians and non-Christians plead that we come oftener. Our ten Bible Women cannot begin to do the amount of home teaching that would be welcomed. Pastors say we need twenty Bible Women.

Opportunities are ours for helping the Egyptian women to have real missionary societies in each of our twenty churches, to help them do a real Christian service in their own communities, and to learn about and pray for and give to evangelistic projects in other parts of earth.

There are opportunities among the girls of these various churches. Some of these girls meet with their mothers in mid-week services. Far more are in school or teaching or working in a commercial world new to Egyptian women, so their interests and activities have been widened amazingly beyond the horizons that were their mothers'. But are their spiritual horizons keeping up with these? Some of the Egyptian pastors are doing wonderfully well at meeting these needs of their women and girls, but they ask more help than it is physically possible for one American to give.

Then there are the hundreds and thousands of girls outside our churches, girls who are as sweet and loveable and full of possibilities as your daughters and sisters—or could be, if they only knew your Savior and the fullness of life only He can give. Many of these are longing for something their new secular advantages do not give. Sometimes on trams opportunities open to tell of our Savior and His love. Would that some one could have special time for work among these.

And with all this we remember that one reason our present Bible Women are as strong Christian leaders as they are, is the association they have had in years past with women of earnest Christian devotion, who went with them and led them in their home ministry. We can't go with them calling while we lead meetings, nor while we write reports or keep records or accounts or write letters. These things are all important. So what of our work for tomorrow?

We do ask your prayers, and gifts, and lives—for these—for *Him.*

Margaret A. Work

TANTA

I. The Bible Teachers' Training School

There is naught in my heart but grateful praise to our Living Lord who has been ever-present throughout the year, guarding and protecting, enlightening and enabling, working within and transforming as lives were yielded to Him.

Last year our pupils were far too few considering the great need for the type of worker we wish to send out and the large number of requests which came to us for Bible teachers. Before the summer, one girl started to work in Beni Suef and another in Tanta district. The Training School opened after the summer holidays on September 23. One of our best students was not able to return because of the serious illness of her mother. We got a bit of a start before the outbreak of cholera and went right on in spite of the fact that we could get no rations for the school. Friends came to our aid so that we did not have to buy supplies from the black market. One of the new girls said, "We are not a school. We are a family. Tell the ration board that." How thankful we are for the six new girls since the summer, even though some are not very promising. But we know that those who yield to Him can be used by Him.

Because of the numerous times that school teachers had expressed a desire for an opportunity to study the Word, we were led to open our doors to them through July 5-29. This session was much appreciated by the twenty-five teachers who attended. A course was offered in the Psalms, Matthew, Philippians, theology, story-telling methods, and music. The aim was that we might all experience a rich Christian fellowship in first-hand study of the Bible. Those who attended worked hard on assignments from the very first day and showed such a fine spirit throughout the month that we praise Him for putting this project into our thoughts, for guiding in all preparatory plans, for enabling and strengthening us through the month. Truly we felt His presence and His power in our midst and were sorry that others who applied could not be accommodated for lack of room in our building. All who helped were volunteers who gave themselves gladly to this worth-while service.

During October since other schools were not opening we offered a special course to girls studying in higher schools. Some 25 attended, three never missed a day, while fourteen were regular in attendance and study. We wanted them to know the preciousness of the Word. We taught them a method of study by studying the Gospel of John; there were also lessons in theology, a course on the Gospel—its contents, essence, origin, power, riches, etc., and a story-telling hour twice a week. We were pleased with the way these girls worked on their lessons, asked questions, read books, and asked for special prayer as they pursued their studies that they may not neglect their spiritual growth and that they may have courage to witness.

From Nov. 3-14 we opened our doors to boys and girls in Primary Schools and spent a challenging two hours each morning with them. How these youngsters loved singing, stories, and the flannelgraph. These sixty children have become our friends and their homes are open to us. May they each one accept Jesus personally and give their hearts to Him.

II. THE DELTA CAR

During March we were able to get away on the Delta Car for a trip through the Delta, stopping at Kafr Zeyat, Bissuin, and Desouk. From these three centers we were able to visit many nearby places reaching them on foot, by bus, and by train. My heart always yearns over and aches for the many we meet living in ignorance, darkness, and sin, without knowing that God's great gift of *Life* through Christ is theirs for the taking. We were not able to make a fall trip because of the cholera.

III. THE CITY AND DISTRICT

The five Bible teachers of Tanta and district have carried on faithfully with little supervision through the year. Miss Venna Patterson arrived in October and I rejoiced to hand over to her part of an enormous assignment. Our house was built to house three full-time workers —one for the Training School, one for the city of Tanta, and one for the district. All this has been my assignment many times since my coming to Tanta in the fall of 1928. Now we are two again. The harvest is plenteous, the laborers are few—pray the Lord of the harvest that He thrust forth laborers, both Egyptian and American.

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Now let me tell you a little incident that you may get some idea of the type of fellow-Christian with whom it is my privilege to work. Just the other day one of the teachers came putting part of her meager salary upon my desk. She said, "I don't want so much. Give me only three pounds ($15) each month. I only wish I had faith enough to work without salary." No sitting down strikes in our school because of low salary!

Laura Wright

BIBLE WOMEN'S WORK

For the missionary on furlough after seven years on the field the time passes all too quickly as there is so much we want to do: getting acquainted again with family and friends — visiting churches — seeing new parts of beautiful America, and of course going to school to catch up on new ideas and theories.

I had an unusually happy experience in being able to attend the spring short-term rural course provided by Scarritt College in Tennessee. This is held at their Rural Center in Crossville and is planned for missionaries on furlough who are interested in rural problems. Lectures and seminars are given in philosophy of rural education, anthropology, nutrition, relief administration, literacy and literature, co-operatives, Christian home life, and practical courses in various types of agriculture such as soil erosion control, gardening, bee culture, dairy farming and dairy products, poultry and other subjects. All this with the varied types of handcraft making use of native materials made a very interesting and helpful course. A number of outstanding rural centers such as Biglick and Alpine were within short distance of Scarritt Rural Center and we were able to see some of the theories at work. At the close of the course a nine-day travel seminar took us into several of the southern states to visit other institutions and rural centers and projects. Among them were Tuskeegee Institute, Brasstown, Carrolltown, Asheville—the home of the Lord's Acre Plan and Farmers' Federation, Pittman Center, Warm Springs and Rabun Gap.

My return to Egypt in October via the "Marine Jumper" coincided with the cholera epidemic that was raging in Egypt at the time. All travel to the villages was cut off and the Laubach Literacy Campaign practically died out in the Delta, Plans are being made to start anew and we hope to make a good start as the materials are now ready.

I am living in the Bible Training School in Tanta and have charge of the Biblewomen who work in the city and district and of the Community Center. I am also directing the church choir. This district is wholly new to me and the four months I have been here has been a time of getting acquainted. There is a great opportunity before us as our hospital here has patients from many villages and Mission workers, whether American or Egyptian are welcome in their homes. Pray that we may be able to make the best use of these opportunities before us to bring to these people, first literacy through the Laubach campaign and then the Light that comes through being able to read the Gospel.

Venna R. Patterson

MANSURA EVANGELISTIC WORK

At this time we are all putting forth extra effort for the Thank Offering. I am glad that plans are going forward for a Delta presbyterial meeting this year to be held in Tanta. It will mean so much after being deprived of it during the war years.

I have lost one Bible teacher to Assiut, and one village to Tanta. Miss Haiyat Hanna had to return home because of her mother's health, but since her mother's condition has improved Miss Haiyat is now helping Mrs. Dunlap in Assiut. The village of Mit Ghamr has been transferred from Mansura district to Tanta because of its close proximity to Tanta. It meant a strenuous trip each time from Mansura and back. Travel these days is difficult, especially to places off the main line. More time can now be given to some other villages which have been neglected. Mansura district grows larger and more challenging as the months go by compared with the bit which has been accomplished.

Because of rains the World Day of Prayer service was postponed until this week in several villages. The prayer service yesterday at Simbellawain was very gratifying. The spirit of prayer was very manifest, and I feel sure that all were richly blessed, and that prayers were abundantly answered. A similar service will be held tomorrow at Dekernis, and I anticipate showers of blessing upon those who pray and upon those for whom we pray.

A surprise gift of twenty pounds has been given by an Egyptian friend for repairs on our meeting place in Dekernis. We certainly appreciate it and will put it to immediate use. Faris Effendi Kultas conducts a men's Bible class there each Sabbath, letting his light shine. His wife helps in our women's meeting. She tried to influence her husband to ask to be transferred to Mansura where they would have the advantages of a large town. He replied, "If we leave, there will be no light here." Please pray for his Bible class. It was a friend of his who sent the gift for repairs.

"Pray ye the Lord of the Harvest."

Lucia Dwight

EVANGELISTIC WORK IN ALEXANDRIA

The Alexandria Bible teachers have gone quietly about their work teaching the Gospel to women in their homes, conducting meetings for them, and assisting in various ways in the activities of the church. The committee chosen from the alumnae of the Girls' Central School to direct the club sponsored by the Alumnae Association has gone forward with plans for the club, and has opened up new lines of activities for the club members. The Laubach Campaign against illiteracy has been launched, and Christians of many varieties are giving of their time, talent, and personal interest to teach others to read the Gospel. We have been disappointed in not being able to reopen the Central Girls' School. We hope it may be reopened at some future time.

Our work has not been disturbed by strikes and political demonstrations to the extent that one might have expected. We have been disturbed by the knowledge that many of our Egyptian friends were suffering hardships because the removal of the British military forces from this part if Egypt had left a wake of unemployment.

We were glad that some of the Coptic families that followed the Royal Air Force to their new camps in the Canal Zone, in order to remain in their employ, had been instructed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and had been so touched by His life and message that they were prepared to carry His Word with them to their new places of abode, and that they planned to go on with weekly meetings there similar to those provided for them here.

We are glad to be back in the Mission Building in the city. We find that often we can accomplish more in a day from this vantage point than we could working from Schutz.

The Bible teachers, too, are glad to be housed in the Mission Building in Alexandria.

Please keep on praying for the school! The two things that are standing in the way of its reopening now are lack of permission from the Ministry of Education to reopen the kind of school we wish to have here, and the lack of an American woman to direct it.

Miss Cabeen leaves for America, this spring, at the end of a thirty-nine year period of service for women and girls of Egypt, most of it here, in this city. Who will come, and undertake, in her place?

Leota Cabeen and *Ethel Weed*

The Ministry Of Teaching

GIRLS' SCHOOL, LUXOR

All our reports this year, no doubt, will have one thing in common—news of the cholera epidemic. It took six important weeks out of our school year. One week was made up by shortening the Christmas holiday, and we shall close three or four weeks later in the spring. With hard work, we hope thus to finish the required work. We are praying that there will be no second outbreak of the epidemic. We are most thankful that all of our friends and acquaintances were spared this illness in the autumn.

Our second problem this year has been finding Arabic teachers for our higher classes. Owing to government regulations regarding salary, pension, etc., we have to borrow Arabic teachers from other schools, and each one is allowed only eight periods. Only yesterday, February 16th, did we succeed in getting the third and last one we need settled in his classes. We do pray that they will all "stay put" now for the rest of the year.

We are very thankful that our senior lady teacher, Miss Mukhtara, is much better and able to be with us again this year. She has a Bible class, does office and library work and makes numerous school calls in homes. Her presence is a great spiritual force in our midst. We are trying to guard her health, hoping that she may yet give many years of service.

One of our graduates who had taught half time for us, a little over a year, was seriously ill with heart trouble for two months, and recently died. She was a sweet character and we miss her.

We are thankful to report a better enrollment this year, including more boarders. Our income should be more and we hope to end the year "in the black."

Although I have to spend much time in preparation, I have enjoyed my Bible class this year. We have Jeremiah and are now starting the life of Christ. I want so much to bring the girls to a greater love for the Bible and a deeper desire to study it. We are praying that each member of the class will make a decision for Christ this year.

Martha C. Glass

CENTRAL SCHOOL

Last spring we were very busy with the production of an *Ihtifal,* (a school program,) at which time the girls gave a three-act play in Arabic, and the Senior class was presented to the public. Of the seven graduates, four are continuing their education elsewhere, and three are just sitting at home. Shortly after the *Ihitfal,* came examinations, which are a very complicated process: the Roda classes take local examinations; the first three Primary classes take examinations set by the Mission Examination Committee; the Fourth Primary takes public examinations set by the Ministry of Education (our 12 girls passed 100%); and the Secondary classes take Government Promotional examinations set by the Government Secondary School for Girls in Assiut. Much of this process is repeated in the fall for girls who failed their first try.

The Alumnae of the school who now number 272, opened their meetings this year to women of the town and the Church. At one meeting colored slides were shown on the Life of Christ, with appropriate Scripture passages. At another, a local pharmacist gave an illustrated lecture on Penicillin. Recently one of the representatives of the YWCA to the Christian Youth Conference at Oslo last summer, came from Assiut and gave a fine report of her experiences and impressions.

BRANCH SCHOOL

We were greatly saddened last spring by the death of one of our teachers, Miss Julia Hanna, who had given 25 years of faithful service to the Branch School, following her graduation from the Central School. She left her mother, who has no close relatives, and is quite senile and dependent on others. Then this fall we were greatly shocked when the landlord of our Branch School died after a 24 hour illness. The fine spirit shown by the family was a real witness to the power of Christ in the heart and life of His own.

MUSIC

A lot of time in the past year and a half has been spent in collecting and filing Arabic songs for educational and church use. Much of this material I have used here in Luxor, in the Girls' School singing classes, chapels, Sabbath evening sings with boarders and teachers, in the Branch School, as well as in the Church with the Adult Choir and the Boys' Choir. This latter organization was started in the fall with the help of some of the young men of the Church, and sings at one Sabbath morning service each month. Last summer I had the privilege of helping with the Teachers' Summer Bible Institute at Tanta, and passing on to the enthusiastic and responsive group some methods and materials in music in Arabic that they could use in their own schools and churches. And now I am just back from another music project: A Music Supervision Tour, in which I visited Tanta, Mansoura, Benha, Cairo, Fayoum, Beni Suef, Maghagha, and Minia. During these 18 days, I met with 3 groups of pupils in the various Mission schools, 4 groups of teachers, and 6 church choir groups, giving new materials in Arabic and demonstrations of methods. What a wonderful time they all had, singing the play and work songs of their every-day experiences, songs that teach the divine truths, songs of praise to their Maker, Christians and non-Christians alike. The children so love to sing, the teachers are so eager for help, one feels that the time and effort were well spent—doors to hearts opened, bringing happiness and joy, and best of all, the opportunity to witness for Christ who is the invincible source of all our joy and happiness.

Martha Roy

PRESSLY MEMORIAL INSTITUTE, ASSIUT

The reopening of the Teacher Training Department last September is one of our greatest causes for thanksgiving. Miss Hjelle of the Iowa State Teachers' College is offering a strong two years' course. The present class is small due to the attraction of free tuition in the university and the assurance of a high salaried position on graduation. We hope that the same appeal which brings us such fine Christian teachers from America will lead our best Egyptian girls to take up this work. Mission schools cannot compete with Government schools in the matter of salaries, but they have far more to offer in congenial surroundings and opportunities for satisfying service.

We have a class of 24 to graduate in June. Ten are daughters of former students and two are granddaughters of old P.M.I. girls. One is a daughter of a graduate of 1917 who served for years in the Fowler Home with Miss Ella Barnes and who is now in Alexandria, managing a big school there in addition to looking after her family of boys while the husband preaches in a near-by village. It is interesting to watch these girls develop, for many of them have been with us all their school life. With few exceptions they go out as telling witnesses for Christ in this Muhammadan land.

There are 80 girls in the boarding school and they come from 36 different towns stretching from Alexandria to Luxor. We are proud of our health record as shown by the examinations necessitated by the cholera epidemic. Dr. Amin Magelli again examined the house girls for trachoma and 14 only needed slight operations. He now offered to examine for vision all who will agree to buy glasses and to wear them. The latter is the most difficult part of the bargain. You rarely see children wearing glasses in Egypt though their vision is far below normal.

Our girls again shared in the Daily Vacation Bible School work and this past summer conducted 11 schools in which 352 children were taught for a period of six weeks. In addition they helped with the Literacy Campaign which was initiated by Dr. Frank Laubach. The P.M.I. is honored in having one of its graduates, Miss Hilana Michael, as one of the chief movers in this good work for Egypt. She is doing outstanding work among the churches of Egypt and spent one month in intensive work in the Sudan. *The Government has asked her to return next year.*

As we look back over the year we realize that we have much for which we can give thanks and we ask your prayers for the school as we face the changing conditions in educational work in Egypt and the attitude of the Government toward all Christian work.

Anna B. Criswell

MATERIAL BLESSINGS AT THE P. M. I. ASSIUT

Others of our staff are writing about religious and educational affairs at the P.M.I., but I would like to tell you about some of the gifts which have come to us during the year which have not only been a help financially but have strengthened our faith. The school has been most grateful to the Women's Board for assuming the appropriation for the P.M.I. Generous friends from America, Britain and Egypt have sent gifts which have enabled us to assist poor girls to receive an education in a way that would have been impossible otherwise. It has not been possible the past few years to aid as many girls as formerly, but of the 525 pupils last year 173 had aid.

Egyptian friends contributed about £70.000. The Alumnae of the school provide the fees of a girl. Two other individuals give scholarships in memory of their mothers. One family gives a gift each year in memory of a daughter who graduated at the P.M.I. and died a few years later. A doctor in the Fayoum has for several years given a gift in memory of his sister who had served the school faithfully for many years as a teacher. From the offerings at our English service in Assiut comes another scholarship.

There are other gifts which have come in regularly for years from interested missionary societies, Sabbath Schools and congregations. Students are assigned to these scholarships and through correspondence an effort is made to keep the donors in touch with the progress of the girls.

Last year an unusual number of gifts came from friends who had not sent gifts before. As expenses were high and the problem of meeting them had been heavy, we were more than ordinarily thankful for these gifts. Our short-term teachers, both those who have finished their term of service and have gone home and those who are here now have been most liberal. Through one of our teachers gifts have come from Juniors which have enabled us to provide milk for some children who need building up physically. Another gift for this same purpose came from a group in one of the camps for British soldiers on the Suez Canal.

Other gifts have come for much needed equipment. A generous sum has made possible the purchase of some much needed office equipment. The ladies of Cleveland Presbyterial and of the South Church in Youngstown promoted a project to get new dishes for the boarding school. These dishes came recently and every day at meal time especially our hearts glow with thanks as we think of those who had a part in this gift. The company that made the dishes were most generous in the reduction in price which they made on the bill. The library has benefitted from gifts this year also. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson of the American Embassy gave us a set of the New Compton Pictured Encyclopedia. Books have come from Miss Blanche Chambers, whose library experience makes her choice of books most acceptable. Through the American Embassy in Cairo the school has the use this year of a sound projector with regular delivery of films. To Misses Hjelle and Heasty who plan the use of this equipment we are all most grateful.

We do not forget the Juniors and the Missionary Societies who sent boxes for Christmas gifts. Those of us who opened the boxes when they arrived got double joy, for we thrilled at the sight of such lovely presents and then we had still more pleasure when we saw the happiness of the children when they received their gifts. Among other things that have come out this year was a set of toy plastic furniture for every room in the house. This has made the teaching of the arrangement of rooms for the house much more interesting to Home Economics classes.

As we look forward to the coming year one of the big problems before us is the one of where to get the money to provide for a much needed increase in the salaries of our Egyptian staff. They have been serving their country and the church here in the school with great faithfulness. They have sacrificed and we feel very strongly that they must have better salaries in the future. It is going to cost the school between three and four hundred Egyptian pounds to give each one of them even a small increase in salary. But we believe that the money will be forthcoming for this purpose. The Lord has strengthened our faith in the past when we have ventured out in His service and He will do it again.

Mary L. Thompson

NEW PROJECTS

Since my return to the P.M.I., there have been several projects that have been taking some of my attention. One of these is a club for poor girls in the vicinity. We got in touch with them through the volunteer groups that go out on Sabbath afternoons. There are about a dozen of these girls who come to the school on Monday afternoon, and we give them a lesson in reading, some sewing, knitting or crocheting, and a Bible lesson. Some are girls who earn money by knitting or crocheting for others, and are anxious to learn new stitches. Others want to learn from the beginning. We furnish only materials to learn to make a small sample. My helpers are some girls of the town who are members of the Second Church.

Another thing that has been taking a good deal of time, is eye examinations, or rather vision tests. I have tested the whole school in a rather rough and ready way, and we are urging the girls who have faulty vision to get glasses. There are about twenty-five who need them badly, and an eye specialist here in Assiut has offered to examine them free of charge and prescribe, on condition that they will promise to get glasses. One girl has already made arrangements to get fitted. It remains to be seen how many more will do so. They are so afraid of queering their chances of a good marriage if they show they have any deficiency, and most are too poor to afford glasses. It was interesting to notice how much more weakness of vision there is among the poor children than among the rich. Under-nourishment is partly the cause, I suppose. How we wish we could give all our two hundred youngest ones a free glass of milk daily!

This past week we have been having a singing contest among the high school girls, with money prizes given by our friend Alfred Bey Wissa. Twenty-three girls entered the contest, and after the semi-finals, ten were allowed to sing at the final contest, which was followed by other musical numbers by the chorus classes and Mrs. Musser. Much credit is due to Mrs. Musser and Miss Lybrook for their coaching of these contestants. They did very well indeed. The girls chose their own songs to sing, and the titles ranged from "Living for Jesus" to "Home on the Range"! The audience was large and appreciative.

Life is moving very fast this year, with our school time cut so short by cholera. We are praying that we may be allowed to finish the year without interruption, and without too much heat, since we must work on into June.

Helen M. Walker

BENI SUEF GIRLS' SCHOOL

When I wrote my report a year ago, I felt like a stranger to Beni Suef and its people. Now all that is past, and while I do not know the children and their parents as I did in Luxor, yet I have found many friends in the Church and school circles. In 1946-47 our school had the largest enrolment in its history and this fall there are even more. Most of them are in the beginners' classes, 188. The four upper classes have 89 against 80 last year. By having re-examinations in September most managed to make the grade into higher classes this year. Nine of the ten seniors succeeded in the examinations given by the Government for their Primary certificate. One of our teachers for the little folks was married during the summer. In her place is a girl from Luxor who studied kindergarten work with Miss Ruth M. Williamson at Tanta. Aside from that we have the same staff as last year.

Of course the big thing in the fall of 1947 was the cholera epidemic which closed all our schools from October 1st to November 10th for the higher classes and until December 1st for the beginners. We really felt at the end of 1947 that we had only just started the year's work. We had only two weeks of school in September. Almost six months of vacation has been demoralizing to quite an extent. Not too much of last year's learning seems to remain in the heads of the children. The cholera was mostly in the Delta and almost entirely in the peasant villages. We had none in Beni Suef itself, though it was near us, and of course we had to take care to cook or thoroughly disinfect all food. Train service was cut off entirely for a few days and for a month or so no trains stopped here. Post was carried by truck or on freight trains. Since there seemed nothing at all I could do here, and Miss Nellie C. Smith was away having an appendectomy, I went to Assiut where I could be with friends. Then the closing of the railway cut me off from returning. Thanks to Dr. E. M. Bailey, who brought a teacher and myself by car from Minia, we were here in time to open school. We thank God for protecting us and our Church people through what might have been a very serious epidemic. The precautions of the Government, and especially the serum sent to Egypt kept the disease under control largely—though it was much worse than reports showed. There are still sporadic cases in spots, and a fear that warm weather may cause it to spread again. May God forbid!

One of the adjustments I have to make in coming here is to realize that even those in our higher classes are really little girls, with four years' less of knowledge and wisdom than those in Luxor. We have with all our children a wonderful opportunity to teach and influence them for Christ while they are small. Our teachers realize this. Pray that we may know how to attain our end.

Three small children from one family were with us last year. The little boy of five, carried home everything he heard here. His father expostulated that he had already given him a good many pennies for the thank offering. (We gather it over two months in thank offering boxes, one for each class.) He said, "But, Papa, Jesus did so much for us, shouldn't we be ready to give him something every day?" During the summer their mother died, and the children were taken to their grandmother in another village. She is old, and mourning for her daughter and husband, and I fear the children are not having the care they should. The father has now been transferred to where they are and I hope things will be better. But we have no Mission or Church school in that large town. May we be enabled to make the best use of our opportunities while we have them.

Ida Whiteside

AMERICAN COLLEGE FOR GIRLS, CAIRO

Leaving Egypt for furlough the latter part of November 1945, I was away until the last day of March 1947. This was Evacuation Day in Egypt, an historic date on which the British army took official leave of the country. After having spent the long, strenuous years of the entire war period and more in Egypt, it was especially good to be home again. My furlough was a happy one and among the many privileges it offered, I greatly appreciated the opportunity of fellowship with so many groups of our good church people who mean so much to our work on the mission fields.

The humdrum duties of everyday scarcely seem of much importance to relate. Commencement programs from year to year seem much the same and yet they do differ. It was of especial interest last June to see the graduates wearing caps and gowns. That innovation, started two years ago, adds much of beauty and dignity to our impressive exercises.

The present school year has brought us many unexpected experiences because of the cholera epidemic. However, we are very thankful that notwithstanding a long enforced vacation in the fall, just after we had opened under especially favorable circumstances, we have now (the last of February) completed our first semester's work. We trust that there will be no return of the epidemic and that work may go on without interruption for the rest of the year.

Last spring I was back in time to make out the orders for text books from America and the large shipment was received, with a few exceptions, before the opening of school—all of which was a pleasant change from experiences during the war. This year, with the able help of one of our teachers, an alumna, I have had charge of the book room sales. That in itself is no small concern at present, as we handle the greater part of the books and supplies for our 800 pupils and that means the handling of a large amount of money as well.

Among other duties, I find it necessary to spend considerable time on discipline problems, of which we have a good many. One thing that encourages me in such a job is the realization from past experiences that many of our naughty youngsters have grown into delightful, charming young women. I trust that such may continue to be the case.

We are especially thankful for our large group of short-term teachers from America who are serving in such a splendid way. We realize our desperate need on the field for new replacements in our regular missionary ranks and pray that such may be found. Egypt is changed in many ways these post-war days but still unchanged is her need for the Saviour. What a challenge it is to each of us and to each of you!

Sarah B. Meloy

GIRLS' COLLEGE, CAIRO

The College has been busily trying to make up for lost time, and succeeding pretty well—much better, we think, than the Government Schools, which have resigned themselves to covering only two-thirds of the work outlined for the year's study. Of course, much of their lost time has been lost on account of demonstrations and strikes, while, in all the years I have been here, I remember only one instance of a political strike in which our students took part, and that was so half-hearted that it collapsed like a pricked bubble after an hour or so. We have, however, had many enforced days of idleness caused by other students making the streets unsafe, and this year has held some such days.

Our new Library Building is looking exceedingly nice, and we hope to move in,—at least partially—before the end of the school year.

I think the year has been marked by an increasing sense of social responsibility. This is partly due to Egypt's beginning to take a larger place in international affairs, and to some experience of co-operation in international health at the time of the cholera epidemic. Many of our students have gone into courses in social science, either at the American University or the Government School of Social Studies, and this has strengthened their determination to make a contribution to their country along this line.

This winter we have had a second visit from a lady who lectured in Egypt between the wars in connection with the "Save the Children" Fund. She is now working under the U.N.O. for the same cause, and has succeeded in linking up Egypt's efforts with the International Committee. At a meeting of our alumnae, she told them of what she had seen in the war-devastated countries, but gave it as her considered opinion that though Egypt had been spared destruction by war, her children were nevertheless, growing up under such conditions of dirt and ignorance that their chance of survival was *much less* than those of the lands blighted by war.

It was interesting to note that our alumnae, when faced by these facts, tactfully, but quite frankly put before them, did not attempt to deny them, as they would have done a few years ago, nor did they become angry, but they took steps to form a Committee on Village Improvement with special emphasis on providing the clean drinking water that most of Egypt still lacks.

This lady—Mrs. Gage-Colby—has had opportunity to visit some of the work that our alumnae are doing—Clinics for Baby-Welfare, Village Schools teaching illiterates to read, etc., and professed herself much impressed.

We are proud that many of our students who took First Aid and Home Nursing Courses through the Red Cross and Red Crescent are now making themselves most useful in vaccinating against cholera. The whole population is to have "refresher shots", to prevent a new outbreak, and our own day-students are to be inoculated by our own alumnae, under the supervision of a Red Crescent Nurse, authorized to grant certificates of inoculation.

We are better supplied with teachers in the Music Department than has been the case for a number of years, and the work is showing good results. We expect to present a number of candidates when the Trinity College of Music Examiner comes once again from London to conduct piano examinations — the first time since the war. We enjoyed a short visit from the Principal, Dr. Greenhouse Allt, when we gave him an opportunity to meet representatives of schools and conservatories of music in Cairo, in our new administrative apartment.

Our Glee Club, although a completely new group, is doing well, and under Mrs. Gudrun Saadeh's direction, gave a lovely Christmas candlelight carol program before the Woman's Club. It was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by a large group of women of the Christian, Jewish, and Muslim Faiths, and of several nationalities. The music was similar to that used in our Christmas program at the College.

M. Stella Robertson

SCHEDULES

School started and stopped so many times this fall due to the cholera epidemic that we wondered if we would ever get really going. There is no doubt in the minds of those of us who lived here, but that we are going strong. We have over 800 students enrolled. There are about 50 on the staff. With these pouring through the halls hourly it is a veritable Grand Central Station. It is my particular job to make and keep working the time schedule. There are twenty-five classes to plan for and numerous individual irregular schedules. We use every available space and it is like a puzzle to be fitted together so as not to have the one laboratory scheduled for hygiene, biology and chemistry all at the same time. Teacher time too unfortunately is not in all cases full time. We employ many part-time people who must be fitted into the schedule which suits other work which they may have. Absenteeism works havoc too with my days. Recently just as school opened in the morning four reported, "Not coming." With scarcely enough to go around anyhow it took some fast maneuvering to man the posts. The little ones soon report, "Miss Kingan, we have no teacher." We are fortunate in having one of our graduates as a substitute. She is here all the time, but is slowly accumulating regular classes so I see my substitute disappearing.

Every moment of our day is full to overflowing from early breakfast time, 6:55 to late at night. Sabbath too, is a busy day with Sabbath school each week, Christian Endeavor and a church service every two weeks. I teach the older girls and also have the Teachers' Training class. The girls take turns going out to small meeting places to help out in their Sabbath schools. After Sabbath school I attend a small church in the neighborhood where the service is in Arabic. Our service here is in English as the girls here have a good command of English. I get so little Arabic that I take this opportunity to keep myself in touch. At the same time I enjoy very much being in this congregation, a fine group of earnest Christians with their excellent pastor.

We have all been very much interested this past year in the campaign for literacy. Dr. Laubach inspired us all by his visit and his own enthusiasm and deep devotion. The campaign has been a wonderful success here and continues to be. A number of our graduates and present students are greatly interested in teaching people to read. I had a very happy experience in teaching a mother and her little girl. Unfortunately she had to return to the up country before we got very far. She hopes to come back though and I am looking forward to the time when we can take it up again. I am trying now to get a time when I will be free to teach one of our older servant boys. He got well started while Dr. Laubach was here even had his picture taken with Dr. Laubach and it appeared in a Cairo magazine. It is thrilling to talk to these new readers. They are pleased with themselves. How little we all appreciate the great privileges that are ours and how we take for granted that we deserve it.

Lois D. Kingan

HOME ECONOMICS

The year's report due! I might just refer you to last year's, page so and so, for I am doing the same thing and the same questions and problems arise—Our school family is about 100 with another 160 eating the noon meal with us. Most of the boarders are Egyptian though we do have five Ethiopian girls, five Palestinian, one Iraqian, a Greek girl from a Delta town, an Armenian, and one little Jewess whose nationality is Greek. Girls are much the same the world over —some good, some not so good, some who seem to be in trouble frequently. The problem of discipline takes time, perseverance, patience and prayer. There are several very sweet, bright little girls of six and seven years in the boarding school.

Last year Miss Anderson and Miss Robinson shared in the Home Economics work as well as teaching some other subject. Since Miss Anderson's return to America, Miss Robinson gives her full time to the Home Economic classes. The extension class is very small this year due to the very late start because of the cholera epidemic. Mrs. Matilda Gergawi Greiss continues to give of her time to teach this class; it is our hope to extend our Home Economics work more. One of our most strenuous days of the year is the day of the Exhibit of work which is held late in May or early June. The school is open to friends and patrons. The one this year was well-attended —it seemed that each one of the eight hundred enrolled had brought several. The various departments of work had displays and exhibits of work done. Of course the home making as well as art and science classes had their work on display. It was very interesting to see the little girls taking their parents to see their own work. In the garden refreshments were served with the money made going to the Library Fund. Late in the afternoon the physical education department had a demonstration in the field of their drills and games. At the same time the Alumnae had a small bazaar for the benefit of Library Fund.

Though there has been unrest, a cholera epidemic and much tension our work has gone on without serious interruption. It is our prayer that we may continue to be free to give Christ's Message.

Mary Frances Dawson

EZBEKIEH, CAIRO

Another year has slipped away, and as I come to report upon its problems and accomplishments I find it hard to find within it the things of outstanding interest that you at home like to find in these reports. So very much of our work in a mission school is the "line upon line", precept upon precept" that is neither glamorous nor romantic, and which, perhaps, does not evidence its results until, years later, some strong Christian woman says, "*This* or *that* accomplishment or ideal or principle is a part of what I gained from the mission school that I attended as a child."

This does not mean that the days hold no interest, but that most of our stories are serials which do not reach their climax within the space of one school year.

Nevertheless, some things do emerge, though they be but tendencies. One of them, for us, is that, while government opposition to Christian teaching becomes more severe, Muslim parents, as individuals, seem to become more outspoken in their willingness to accept Christian teaching for their children. At the opening of school last autumn, finishing the business of entering a new little Muhammadan child, I said to her father, "You do understand, do you not, that this is a Christian school and that we neither wish to, nor are able to delete its Christian atmosphere and teaching?" He answered unhesitatingly, "That is why I bring her here. I want her to grow up with different atmosphere and ideals than we give in our schools." Nor is this an isolated instance. It is merely a more open statement than most are ready to make.

Another thing which grows increasingly evident is that we are going to have to pay local teachers more in order to be able to get good ones. We have already raised our fees to the limit. In 1947, ninetenths of our annual budget of over $20,000 was raised on the field. Is the church at home able and willing to do more to help this and other schools to maintain standards which will not bring shame upon the name of Christian?

Letters from America groan over the High Cost of Living; here, the index of the cost of essentials, on the basis of costs in 1939, has so long stood at 300 that we find it hard to be sufficiently impressed with the figure reached there. This does not mean lack of sympathy, but is just an effort to make you, who are so generous in your support of any good cause which you understand, see more clearly what is involved in the carrying out of your work . . . Christ's work . . . here. I might add that what lowering of prices there has been has come in the fields of non-essential articles, rather than the essentials.

Many will tell you of the delay and confusion in the work of the school year due to the outbreak of a cholera epidemic just after we had opened in September. I shall not dwell further upon it.

The school is full; the boarding department fuller than it has been for many years. All the usual activities of the school, religious and secular, go on. Please pray that we may never, in the rushing duties of the days, forget to put first things first.

Last year I mentioned our need of a school bus. We still *rent* one. It is still most necessary to use one, most unsatisfactory to rent one. We still pray that some generous person may make it possible for us to *own one!*

Elsie M. French

LANGUAGE STUDY

As I look back over the past year it seems that Arabic study has dominated every day and everything in connection with my activities. Arabic lessons have been my work, my recreation, my excuses, my heartaches, and my cause for rejoicing when the results of the examinations were released a few weeks ago. It has been a real struggle and meant incessant study to the point of sacrificing some social events and many other things I would like to have done, but when I think of the results of the examinations, I am sure that if it were necessary to do it over again, I would do it in exactly the same way.

In spite of Arabic study there have been a few major events along the way. The first was my coming to live in Old Cairo last October. It has been an interesting experience to live in such an historic setting. The Mokattum Hills, the Citadel, the ancient church of Saint George, the pyramids and the Nile—all are in view from our second-story apartment.

Another event has been returning to the village with Miss Gomer and the Bible Woman for weekly meetings. For some time after our return from vacation we were not able to have the meetings, due to the illness of the Bible Woman and the cholera epidemic. One day Miss Gomer met a little boy from the village, on the street. He asked her why we didn't come any more. She explained that the Bible Woman had been ill, and later, when the cholera had broken out, we thought it best not to travel. He replied that they had been waiting for us for a long time, so it was with a great deal of anticipation that we returned to the village one afternoon to resume the weekly meetings. We were given a hearty welcome by the family in whose home we conduct the meetings, and at once three small children scampered away to spread the news that the "gamaijja" (crowd) had come. It was a real joy to greet old friends, to meet new ones and to find the people just as eager as before to hear the words of the Gospel.

Another event was the occasion of

my first assignment at the winter Association. It was decided that I should take over the work of Miss Louise Williamson in Benha, who will be leaving this summer. I will have charge of the girls' school and continue my Arabic study in Cairo as a part-time student.

Altogether it has been a full year, and the coming year promises to be even fuller with new contacts, new responsibilities, new problems and new opportunities. I realize there is a big job ahead, but I'm looking foward eagerly to it.

Millie Kelso

GIRLS' SCHOOL, BENHA

When some one said to me the other day, "Your annual report is due in a few weeks," I could scarcely believe that a year had passed since I had sent in a report. The year has had its ups and downs. One of our biggest joys was that our Fourth Primary class passed 100% in the Government examination on the first examination. No other school around us equalled that record. Now all but one or two of the class have gone on to school. To have such a large percentage going on to high school is a step forward. It is just in the last four or five years that many of the girls in Benha have gone on to school. Up until 1945 there was no high school for girls in Benha. The only thing beyond primary school was a sewing school which gave a little high school work along with plenty of sewing. Girls who wanted to go to high school had to go to Cairo by train, and many parents will not consent to their girls travelling alone.

Last year also brought us the biggest enrollment in the history of the school. We bulged at the doors and windows and refused to take more for lack of space. Enrollment is slightly less this year, but we still have about all we can accommodate. We are inclined to think that the appearance of cholera, which closed our schools entirely for six weeks and made the opening of the kindergarten uncertain, reduced our kindergarten enrollment.

Although we lost a number of teachers last year for one reason or another, we were happy to find replacements who are proving very satisfactory. After having been without a trained kindergarten teacher for several years, we now have a very fine one trained in Miss Ruth M. Williamson's kindergarten training school in Tanta.

As in many of our schools, we are finding fees somewhat more difficult to collect this year because we were scarcely open until we were closed for cholera. Parents object to paying full fees although our expenses go on just the same. We are trying to finish all our work although we have six weeks less than usual in which to do it.

As well as looking after the school I have devoted a portion of my time to studying Arabic. I worked at learning to read the newspaper and acquired a vocabulary from it as well as increasing my religious vocabulary by reading Scripture and sermons.

Visiting in the homes of some of my students has widened my knowledge of the people of this land and their customs. It has also given me an insight into their problems and needs.

Although government schools have frequently been out on strike, we have not had any strikes nor missed any school on that account. Their strikes have affected us in no way.

Our Christian schools do need your prayers. Please remember our Christian students especially in prayer that they may be Christian in work, thought, and deed thus pointing out the way to those of the other faith.

Louise N. Williamson

MARY CLOKEY PORTER SCHOOL, TANTA

This has been a year of new experiences in the Mary Clokey Porter Boarding School for Girls. Before time for the opening in September much energy and enthusiasm went into the preparations. Repairs and re-finishing, new equipment and supplies occupied our interests. The library was put into the best shape ever by our very competent American teacher, Miss Marjorie O'Brien, who is now in the third year of her short term. She has consented to give another year to the work here for which we are very thankful.

The middle of September our long-looked-for refrigerator arrived. We did not know then how timely its coming was but before long learned to appreciate its possibilities to the full.

School opened late in September, according to schedule, and closed the very next day by government order owing to an outbreak of cholera and was not re-opened until November 10. God was very gracious to us in keeping us through this time of danger and anxiety.

Many extra precautions, in the care of food, especially, became necessary and is where we found the new refrigerator so welcome. Even boiled water tasted good cooled in it. All fruits and vegetables usually eaten raw had to undergo hard boiling for at least one minute to make them safe. The flavor or consistency of nothing was injured by this process; in some case we thought it an improvement.

Our school grounds now have a picnic place as a result of the enforced holiday. For a number of years we wanted an outdoor fireplace and rustic seats. These are now a reality and the fireplace was built by the Misses Marjorie O'Brien and Mary C. Thompson—with their own hands. It has already given much pleasure to a variety of groups.

Never before have we had a car and the one we now have is ours only temporarily, but we have found it a great help in the four months it has been ours. We pray for one of our own before time to report on another year but see a difficulty in our way since the government recently made a new regulation forbidding further American imports. We hope the regulation will be changed. We have our heart set on a Ford not but what we would be content with any standard make.

This year our boarding school has reached its highest number in history—more than one hundred. We would like so much to be able to visit the homes from which these children come but can never do it without a better means of transportation than a horse and buggy. Now that so much of the world has taken to the sky-ways we think it about time for us at least to take to the highways. For that matter we might add we also favor the former mode of travel and this year more members arrived in Assiut for the annual meeting of Association by air than in any previous year; I among them. It was my first flight and a complete success.

Two tennis courts have been in process of construction for almost four months. It seems they will never be finished. I have to keep reminding myself this is the East and we should not expect results as fast as at home.

One year has been added to our course which means we are now preparing pupils for entrance into the Egyptian University. This year's class has only four members but they all are working hard and we hope their efforts may be crowned with success.

Above all, we trust they, as well as all their fellow-schoolmates are being shown, unmistakably, the Way of Life, as we try to teach them to love, practice and honor the Truth.

Eulalia D. Grether

MORE LANGUAGE STUDY

My first three months after return from furlough were spent at the School of Oriental Studies in Cairo refreshing my Arabic. The Arabic language is still elusive, but I did gain some confidence in the use of it. While in Cairo I had the opportunity of visiting some of our 19 Protestant churches there, and visited with the Bible women in several districts, so the church as a whole means more to me.

As I look back, it's not the summer vacation that I remember, but the Bible School for teachers which was held here in Tanta during the month of July. Was it worth the hard work in the hot weather? This week a letter came from one of those present asking us to have another such school—all five who had attended from their town last year would return. As a result of inspiration received from their Bible study at least three girls in the Egyptian University are actively witnessing for Christ in their words and actions. It was so worth while that we are hoping that something of the kind, either for girls or teachers, can be carried on every year. It's easier to forget the hard work and the hot weather than to forget the joy and inspiration and encouragement resulting from this project.

My real task and that which I enjoy most is here in the Tanta Girls' School. But how can one short report describe the variety of duties, the ups and downs, disappointments and great joys, hard work and fun that make up life in a school ranging from kindergarten to college age and one hundred of whose pupils are boarders. Have any of you heard three or four children make noise in a house? What if you had a hundred? How many minor and major illnesses can occur in a family of five or six? What if it were a family of more than a hundred? What has the rising cost of living done in your family? Rice and eggs and cheese have gone up here too.

I challenge any of you to find any more rewarding work than teaching growing girls who want to learn. Of course I'll admit that teaching Bible has a joy all its own. In these classes we study how to live through a study of and inspiration from the true Life and the Source of all life. In the top classes of the school—fifth and sixth secondary—we are just finishing Leviticus, and all of us (especially the teacher), have received new ideas of this book as a pattern for the atoning work of Christ and what it means in our own lives. In the class there are representatives from a variety of Eastern Christian sects, but all are one in their eagerness to learn and willingness to work hard. We have hopes that some of these girls will choose Christian service as their life work.

I would like to tell of our wider acquaintance with this section of the country through the temporary loan of an automobile; of visits to the homes of our pupils, past and present; of weddings and funerals and new babies; of the cholera precautions and restrictions; of a month spent helping out in the hospital; of Christmas programs and our White Gift for the Punjab; of our garden with spring flowers about to bloom; the almost finished tennis courts; the fun of building and using an outdoor fireplace. All this and so much more has made up this year in Egypt.

Surely "Jehovah hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

Mary C. Thompson

PICTURES WHICH HAVE PASSED IN THE YEAR

It was an afternoon in June, Commencement day for the students in the kindergarten training department. The visitors were seated in our outdoor chapel; the Acacia trees, beautiful with red blossoms made a canopy overhead, the grass green and velvety a carpet beneath. Little children attractive in gay costumes presented several dances and plays, their gift to the teachers who were going away. At the close the four graduates centered upon the stage for a consecration service of prayer and song seeking God's blessing as they go out to serve in His kingdom.

From a minister of the Synod of the Nile came a request asking that he might join the kindergarten students for a week. He arrived and made us glad with his comments and interest in the work. This spring he plans to send three of his teachers for short courses. Last fall eight girls entered the training department. Some give promise of qualified teaching service. Two, semingly immature, need to have some special training. We long to have each one go out with full realization of her responsibility and privilege.

CHRISTMAS IN THE KINDERGARTEN

Two little children in conversation told the story of the Baby Jesus while the audience watched the assembling of the picture: tiny angels with wings and long white robes, sturdy shepherds clad in sheep skins and dignified kings in colorful oriental costume. At the last the little children presented their offering at the manger. The offering of the entire school was sent to the suffering peoples of India and Pakistan.

Visit the second kindergarten room, attractive and homelike with curtains, pictures, a doll and doll furniture, listen to a Bible story told so naturally that the children are filled with delight. They ask: "What is the little girl's name?" (Hebrew maid in Naaman's house) "Let's give her a name." Why don't you ask God to stop the rain. He could. At night as you tuck in an enthusiastic little boarder she says: "I like this school. I like to hear

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stories about Jesus." May they always be glad to hear the story of His love.

Walk over with me to the little school in the heart of the city. Our kindergarten department having opened so late in the fall we were concerned lest this school might not meet its financial obligations. It has no outside resources and a government kindergarten had opened quite near. But today as I stood in the door and watched the children marching in to the morning circle I counted ninety-one and I knew that all is well.

Thank you for your interest and your prayers.

Ruth M. Williamson

GIRLS' SCHOOL, MANSURA

A number of years ago, I received a letter asking for an article to be read in a missionary society. The writer wanted the detailed work of a mission school. The letter was written giving minute details of a day in the life of the missionary in charge of the school. There were the extras, such as the electrician and plumber, the interview with a teacher, the visit to homes of sorrow and joy, the call made in the municipal buildings and the educational offices. Some months later a reply was received from the letter sent. "Your letter was instructive, but we wanted it from the real missionary, not just the teacher."

A caller in the office made the statement that he knew the ultimate aim of our school work. Our business is to show, live and teach Christ in the school and in all our contacts.

There have been interruptions during the year, with demonstrations and the cholera epidemic. School work has been retarded. How pleased the mothers and children were, when the teachers calling in the homes told a story to the children, left some hand work and then a story for the mothers. The educational official said that they depended and trusted the American school to co-operate with them in keeping all the regulations. Again this same man sent a number of pupils to us. He remarked that he knew what they were getting. It is a fine thing to have a good name.

It does not take long for the children to understand what prayer is and how it is used by their teachers. Not long ago a little tot prayed that those who are making the riots would not hurt our school, "for our teachers are kind and we try to be good."

Statistics are often boring, but this figure is a challenge to each of us teachers to live and teach Christ day by day: Over 44% of the families are not of the Christian faith, but of the religion of the country.

F. Patton

FOWLER CHILDREN'S HOME

Early in the year, the wife of our Egyptian Pastor (herself a former Orphanage girl) had a Communicants' Class for nine of our older girls. She was not able to be at the Church the Sabbath morning when they were received into membership, because she was very ill and could not leave her bed, but she asked that they go to see her after the servic. They went and she talked with them, telling them that it was the last time she would see them on this earth, but she wanted to meet each one in heaven. It was a sobering experience for the girls and we think each one will carry the memory of that last visit with her through life. The next Sabbath while we were having morning service, Sitt Munira (the Pastor's wife) went to be with her Lord.

A few months later our old Janitor "Melik" who had been with the Orphanage over thirty years and had given years of faithful service, was taken very suddenly, which was a shock to us all. We miss him greatly in the "Home" and are finding it difficult to fill his place.

We had some anxious times last Fall, first when there were some political disturbances in our district, but these soon became a secondary consideration when the cholera epidemic broke out. We often think of the ninety-first Psalm, and God's faithfulness in supplying every need, and keeping us all in times of stress and danger, and our hearts are full of thankfulness.

The big, happy event of the year has been to have Mrs. Armstrong arrive to share in the supervision and work of the Home. For several months there was delay in securing her Egyptian Permit, but at long last it was granted, thanks to the untiring efforts of Dr. J. W. Acheson and the help of the American Embassy. She has been here six weeks now and has already made a big place for herself and is shouldering a big share of the work. The children loved her at first sight and in spite of language difficulties, find ways of communication. She has already picked up quite a few words and phrases of the Arabic language, and then, some of the older girls and teachers speak enough English to get things across. We are so glad to have her with us and know as she becomes acquainted with the language and customs of a foreign country, she will be able to render much service for her Master in this needy land.

We have forty-four girls under our care at present. Last Fall one went to work in one of our younger Mission families; another is helping to care for the aged mother-in-law of one of our Egyptian Pastors. Three who left us two years ago are training for nurses in Mission Hospitals.

The Bookmobile is ready to start for a visit to the village. The Arabic word on the side of the car is "Bookmobile"—"The Circulating Library." Visible behind the car is a boat—none other than the Ibis which is now kept going by the Juniors who are making a fine contribution to this historic vessel. Across the Nile at this point the sand hills are plainly visible. A small oasis is to be seen.

This Fall we hope to send one of our girls to the Bible Teacher's Training School in Tanta.

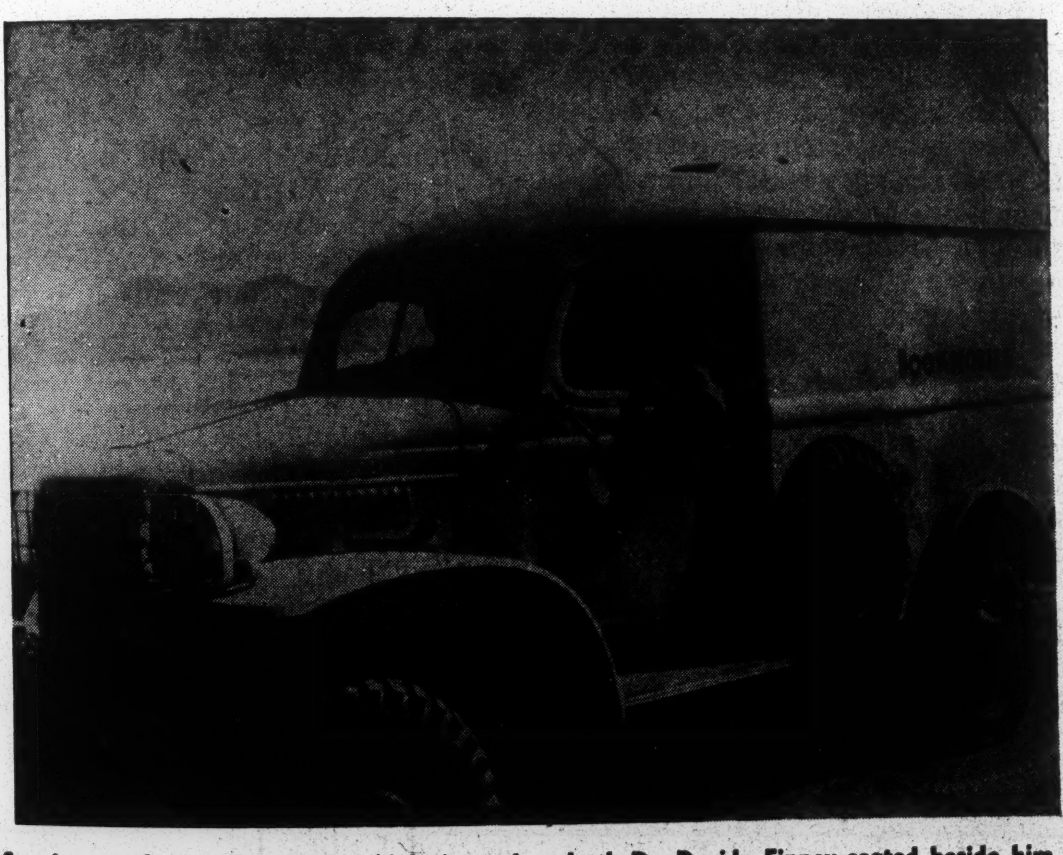
Four girls are studying for their Primary Certificates. Two are in Pressly Memorial Institute, one goes to Ezbekieh Girls' School, and one is in our Fayoum Girl's School. Through the kindness of the schools they are attending, three of these girls are having scholarships.

There are problems ahead, but we know that wisdom and grace will be provided to meet the needs. Just now with the Palestine Problem looming big on the horizion, there is much unrest. Another matter for prayer is that God wil lguide in our whole Educational program. A new law, just passed, may make the situation difficult for us and all Mission Schools.

We are very grateful for all the help of our American friends and ask a continued interest in your prayers. *Lucy Lightowler*

THE BOOKMOBILE

Since 1945, during which year I was on furlough, the Literature Committee has acquired the bookmobile, long talked about and wished for. The very day after I arrived at Cairo, on December 21, 1945, Mr. McGill and Dr. Martin drove me out to Payne Field to see a half-ton Dodge Red Cross ambulance which had been put up for sale as surplus army equipment. We decided to buy it, and the next spring, the purchase was made. Some repair was needed, so it did not go into use until the following autumn. Since then it has carried us and our books, our bedding and cots and cooking utensils, over much fo Egypt south of Cairo. Our house servant has learned to be our chauffeur, and I wish I had the space to tell of the heart burnings, the thrills and anxieties of Abdu and ourselves while he learned and was tested and failed, and was tested again until he succeeded and came



Starting out for a village visit. Abdu is at the wheel, Dr. Davida Finney seated beside him. Miss Helena seated behind and out of sight.

home with his license pinned securely in his vest pocket. He now drives very well and with admirable caution. The bookmobile is not the easiest-riding car, but is very sturdy. It climbs over exposed water pipes, up and down dikes, ambles unconcernedly over gaps in the road, and has only got stuck in the mud. It makes possible our taking hundreds of books and new publications with us wherever we go, the holding of "book days" in certain places, and will always house us if we want to stay for two or three days in one place. Miss Halana thinks that Egyptians will never tolerate our not sharing their homes. So far she has been right, but emergencies do arise, as has happened in the past, and I am well content to have necessary equipment in hand.

THE IBIS

Another extremely valuable piece of equipment now put at the disposal of the Women's Board workers is the houseboat, "The Ibis." When on furlough, I heard much about "The Ibis" in connection the Juniors. It now carries us from Aswan to Beni Suef, and the year is not long enough for our use of it. On it we live in comfort; to it come many friends from every village where we stop so that the ties of friendship grow strong; from it we drive out in the mornings to return in early or late afternoon, grateful for meat and food and sleep. Those of you who have made it possible for us to use this boat, receive our constant thanks.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES

I want to describe the kind of work these two pieces of equipment help us to do. But first I must tell you something of the places we visit. Miss Halana and I go to see church and school libraries, of which there are now 15, four of them in the Sudan. This year we are revising our list, omitting those which no longer need help or suggestions. Libraries in Mission institutions and in a good number of the larger Evangelical churches push ahead of themselves, keeping excellent records and usually making new purchases every year. Many of these, however, welcome a visit because we bring information about new publications, offer reading courses and suggestions—and we on our part often pick up good ideas for use elsewhere. There are, of course, libraries which are little used, even sometimes ones that have disappeared. This latter event happens in the period of time when the village is left without a pastor or stated supply and church members borrow books and fail to return them. Since Miss Halana cannot possibly keep in close touch with so many groups in addition to the demands made upon her time by the Laubach Campaign, we decided again this year to sever our connection with these places, either by letting them refund us for aid given or by buying the books they do not use. Again we have failed in this purpose, for in every case the new pastor or the negligent person involved insists on setting about the business of recovering books and always begins making plans to collect money for new ones. Without doubt, our church instinctively values books, and this fact is the promise of future power if it can be developed and used.

Miss Halana has agreed to take over the responsibility for these libraries and hopes to visit each center before the end of June, so that she may begin to develop each unit into the spiritual service of the church. I go along to help her get her plan organized and put into operation—and also, I confess, because visits to the villages always uplift my heart. I have often tried to analyze the reason for that feeling and I think it is simple: In the Church, the Body of our Lord, I find (if I am not too hurried to search carefully) Christ's living Spirit; so that in a fellowship with Egyptians which has its source and inspiration in Him, there comes a new revelation of His love and desire, and we come into new hope and assurance. In those few places where, for one reason or another, we do not have this experience, I still feel that did I take time enough to understand the particular difficulties and problems of that group, in His Presence, we should find a true unity of purpose. So we try not to hurry, to stay for dinner, to feel at leisure, and to put into our future schedule a stay of several days if a church asks us to do so, in order to begin new projects. the Bookmobile helps us to make these leisurely visits without anxiety.

THREE VISITS

But let me tell you of three of the many visits we have made this year—visits which typify the difficulties I have mentioned. One day we went to a village church under the care of a blind evangelist. He is known in the church for his fine Christian spirit and the really remarkable work he has done among the villages. A visit to him is always a memorable occasion, but we go with the uneasy thought, "What are we going to do *this* time about the library?" For although they periodically buy books, they do not keep adequate records and we never know what has happened to a number of the books on record but not visible and not accounted for. The poor man always says, "Yes, I know they are out, but they'll come back. No, I don't know who has them and I know they've been out for weeks, but I'll ask. The Mayor and all hte village borrow, so they are being read, but I know you want me to see they don't disappear. The trouble is, I'm blind."

When we arrived at his home on the roof of the Church, events moved. He sent for the women of his church, and they gathered around us as we sat in the sun on the roof. We discovered that besides twenty men, he has taught thirty women to read and is now teaching twenty more. He explained how he does this, a process requiring endless effort and patience on his part. Braille books would help him greatly, for without them he must memorize long passages from the Bible. He means eventually to have an entirely literate church. We explained the Laubach method and Miss Halana demonstrated, and later in the week she went back for twenty-four hours to start ten women to teaching others. The evangelist was delighted at having others share with him in the task of teaching. Two years ago he enrolled forty-three of his members, some of them illiterate, in a reading course on the "Life of Christ," and at the end of the year they answered the questions we sent on the four books read and studied. Harmful village customs are being changed by this man, a remarkable achievement, and due to his great personal influence. His spirit is shown in what he said when we left: "Tell me what I should do, for I can do anything if I understand." I knew what he meant, for with the help of God's Spirit he actually *can* do "anything." Later he spent a day on the Ibis, and asked endless questions. When he left, he said, "I have bothered you, but I think and wonder about things and I do want to know." Perhaps you will agree with Halana and me when we decided again not to bother too much about straying books.

Two days later we visited the pastor of a church in a busy railroad town. We knew that the library would be in good order and well-used, but we were a bit dubious about how helpful we could be, for the church seemed rather self-sufficient. We found the library in a well-furnished room of the old school building, now empty, and the pastor said he hopes eventually to develop the use of that one room into a use of the whole building for work among young men. There seemed little to contribute, but forty minutes later, as we talked about books and Christian thinking and Christ's service, I suddenly realized that we were talking as old friends in a common task—he was enrolling himself in a Pastors' Reading Course, he was now ready to have his literate Church use the Laubach method in the service of men and women outside the Church, and much else besides. This visit which first seemed one of routine duty had become a fellowship in Christ and His service.

Three weeks later we visited a large village where the library had disappeared during a period of months when the church had been without even a stated supply. Now there is a fine young pastor and his wife. Last year ninety unchurched Christians joined his church, and he is very busy visiting, building up, sending his young men church members out every week to visit his growing church membership. He told us at once that the library had disappeared, but that he is slowly discovering books scattered in people's houses, and he showed us his small collection in a cupboard in the church. He agreed to ask every church member who can afford it to buy a new book and so replace those that are lost; after that, he will raise money and buy more and enroll his members in reading courses. He wants to begin the Laubach method, and is ready to promote it in the whole village. We left feeling that here indeed is good soil and much promise for the future.

The whole project of church libraries is becoming more thoroughly understood in the church. There are now a considerable number of churches where a room is set aside as a library and reading room. In new school buildings, even in those that will be rural schools, rooms are included for that purpose. At Mellawi, the church library was formally "opened" on February 18th, and made plans then to develop the use of the library into one open to all who will pay a small membership fee. The pastor, Rev. William Yusef, is coming to Cairo in April to buy new books for L. E. 30,000. At Maghagha, a similar plan is in hand and an "opening" will be held next autumn. This group plans to spend L. E. 100,000 on their library, and hopes eventually to develop their work into a community center for the young people.

WRITERS' FELLOWSHIPS

Perhaps the most outstanding development in literature work during this past year is the emergence and work of two Writers' Fellowships. One group of twelve has undertaken to write for the well-educated on subjects of importance to Christians not yet written about in Arabic. The second group has come into being in connection with the Laubach Campaign, and is writing for the newly literate and the less-educated. The writers of this second group are not organized into a "Fellowship" as are those in the first group because the project is still in the experimental stage. About a dozen have produced material which we have published, but a considerably larger number have said they would like to try to write, and from this number we should discover potential writers. Writing for the newly literate means to evolve a new style of Arabic—simple, direct and concise. This is a revolutionary step, with nothing in hand to use as a model. For the idea until now is to produce "fine writing" where language takes the precedence. Subjects chosen by this group are ones on vital Christian truths on which there is nothing yet in Arabic. The first books to appear in November was Part I of three booklets on "The Christian Family," by Rev. Tanious Zakhari. The second, in December, was "The Kingdom of God," by May Hogg. An English edition of the latter was put out for use in Secondary Schools, and copies can be had through the Literature Committee. Miss Hogg hopes to produce another book on "The Story of the Bible," a study of the revelation in the Bible of the character of God culminating in the Lord Jesus. Rev. Tanious is writing on "The Home an The Church," and "The Home and The Community;" Rev. Tewfik Saleh, on "Stewardship;" Rev. Russell Stevenson on "Fatalism and Free Will;" Rev. Ishaq Hanna on "The Sacraments," etc., etc. In addition to these books, we have published ten bulletins on such subjects as "Cholera and Health," "Dangers of the Fly," "Good and Bad Habits," "Personal Hygiene," social stories, etc. A considerable program of production is planned for the next two or three years. The Committee will use these books and bulletins in reading courses, and try to enroll all the newly literates in the Laubach Campaign and also as many as possible of the more educated church members. Because these books are simple in style and because the great majority of our church membership need books written simply, we produce this type of literature for both the Church and the Laubach Campaign. By this means we hope to give our Church a clearer knowledge of their Christian faith. We have a good collection of books on the Christian family, and these books are the source books in the writing now being done. We need other collections on "Problems of Youth," "Rural Projects," "Hand Crafts," besides the more simple books on Christian beliefs, devotional books, Bible studies, etc.

THE READING CAMPAIGN

In regard to the Laubach Campaign, a separate report will be made on the subject by Miss Halana Makhiel. In our visits to churches this winter from Aswan to Maghagha, Miss Halana and I have found a great desire on the part of Church members to learn to read, and everywhere men and women have volunteered to teach. Now that Dr. Grice is recovered from his illness and is once more able to serve as General Director, we hope for a country-wide push forward in the Campaign. The work of last year has resulted in a spirit of expectancy in our church, and a hearty desire to cooperate. At its meeting in March, Synod approved the Campaign, and urged all churches to cooperate. The Campaign, when well started will be of inestimable service and value to our Church, both to those who learn to read for the first time (the majority of our church) and to those who experience the joy of giving personal service.

PASTORS' LOANING LIBRARY

Work in the use of the Pastors' Loaning Library, so greatly needing development and wanted by pastors throughout Egypt, is being neglected because of the pressure of other work. Rev. James Pollock has undertaken correspondence in this matter, and you will probably hear more from him. We greatly need many more books that are practical to the pastors' needs day by day, in his study and in his work among church members. This year we opened a second center at Mellawi, under Rev. William Yusef, from duplicates we had in the Cairo Reading Room and one set each of Matthew Henry and Alex McClaren's Commentaries; and also the beginning of a third center at Luxor under Rev. Bradley Watkins. Books for women and children are greatly needed everywhere. We find a considerable amount of children's literature in Arabic, perhaps 400 books or more, but almost nothing for women.

Such projects asked for by Synod as a "Religious Book-of-the-Month Club," and other services we should be giving our pastors, are still not yet undertaken. What we need more than anything else, of course, is personnel. We ask for your prayers for the Church in Egypt and for her ministers, with whom lies the hope of the future.

Davida M. Finney

The Ministry Of Healing

ASSIUT HOSPITAL

My report to you will be for part of a year only for I came back from furlough last June. After a few days I felt as though I had never been away. And there was something nice about getting back early in the summer. There was the whole summer in which to get ready for the year's work which more or less begins in September after vacations are over and the new class of nurses comes.

The summer was busy with taking care of routine details of the work that is always to be done in an institution. There was a lot of repairing and painting to be done. No, that isn't a part of nursing, but in a mission hospital nurses and doctors have to supervise that work and since we didn't have a doctor last summer it fell to me to do it. And then it took a little time to just get acquainted again and into the swing of things.

Some of our preparations in the summer were for a new class of nurses in September. You can imagine our disappointment when we didn't have even a single applicant. I still don't know why there were no applicants. There may be several reasons for it. And we do know we want a large class of nurses next fall. We have entertained the graduating classes of two of our girls' schools recently, at a tea, hoping that we might create some interest in the Training School. We hear of girls who are interested in nursing so we hope for a class next year. Certainly there is a real need for well trained Christian nurses. Just yesterday we had a patient brought to us directly from the Government Hospital after fifty days there. The extent and condition of several bed-sores is the worst we have evers een—a very evident case of neglect. Christian nurses who really care, and give good care to patients, are so greatly needed in this country and they are so few in number.

The winter has been a busy one. Ordinarily we do not expect very many patients in the winter, for when it is cold the hospital is colder than their homes and they do not like to come. And then the village people are busy in the fields during the winter and put off coming to the hospital for anything except emergencies. However we have had between seventy and ninety patients much of the winter. That seems like a lot for years ago we often got down to twenty or thirty, or less. At this rate we expect to be flooded with patients by the time summer comes.

We were glad that we were able to do a little to help during the cholera epidemic. We opened up our clinics to the public and gave several thousands of injections. It kept doctors and nurses busy but we weren't so busy in the hospital just then, as travel restrictions because of the cholera kept patients from coming to us. The townspeople were quite impressed by the fact that we boiled our needles each time while government doctors gave hundreds of injections with the same needle.

Last fall we had another real disappointment when it was necessary for Dr. Laughead and his family to go home. That left us without an American doctor. We have some good Egyptian doctors but we need American doctors to head things up and to guide and direct in the work and to set standards for the others. We were desperate. We asked the English mission if they could help us out and they very kindly sent us one of their lady doctors. Dr. Marley has been a real blessing to us and we don't know how we could have gotten along without her. You can imagine that we are looking forward to the return of Dr. Frank C. McClanahan and are hoping that he can bring some young doctors with him.

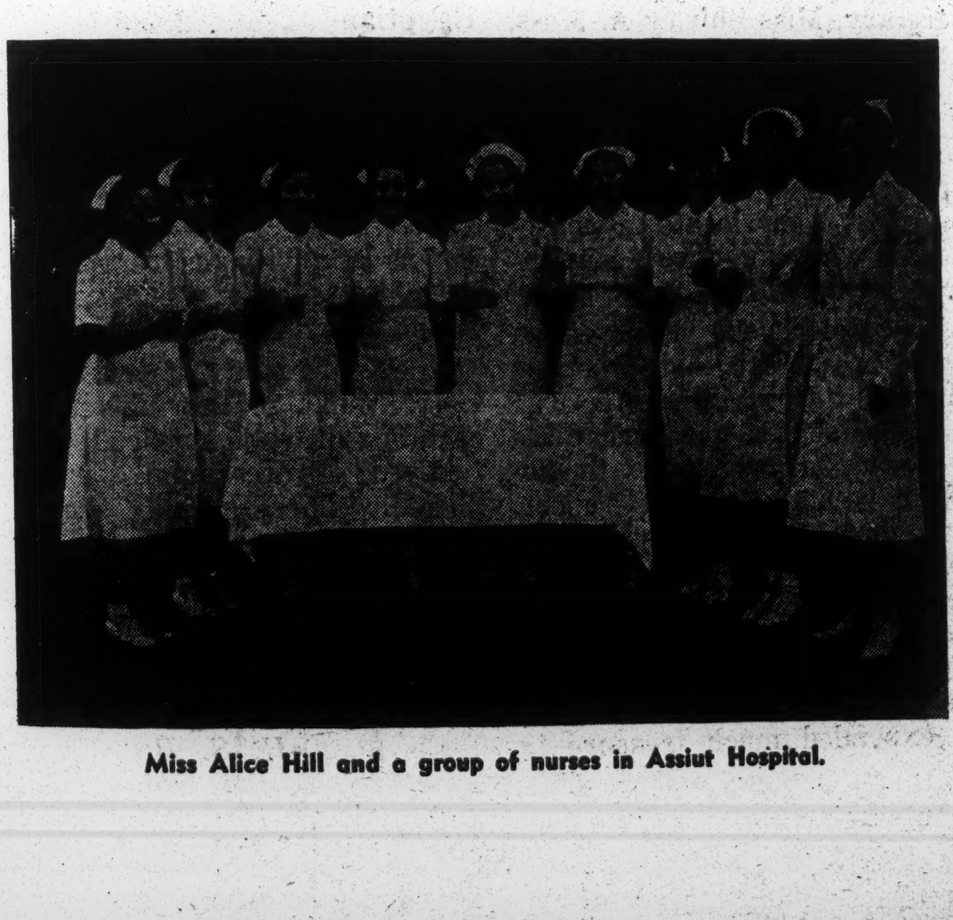
With all the disappointments of the year and although we have been short of doctors and nurses we have had many blessings and are grateful for them. Certainly there have been many opportunities for service and the way for Christian witnessing continues open and we are most grateful for that. We trust that the seed that is sown each day will bring forth abundant fruit.

Helen R. Brownlee, R.N.

TANTA HOSPITAL

In the first week of 1947 we arrived back in Tanta after an absence of more than seven years. We found the hospital flourishing under the administration of Dr. Dalton Galloway, with Dr. Emile Sayegh and three young assistants caring for the medical work. Miss Lucile Nichols, R.N. was in charge of the nursing, with Miss Alberta A. Tedford, R.N., an American short-termer, and five Egyptian nurses. Hard years were behind and the entire staff was looking forward in confident expectation to improvements and developments in staff and plant.

The year has seen some gains. Dr. Sayegh is already in America doing post-graduate work and visiting American clinics and hospitals. Dr. Paul Jamison, a son of the Mission,



Miss Alice Hill and a group of nurses in Assiut Hospital.

has come to us fresh from his medical training and has already made a good start in the work. Two of our Egyptian assistants have remained with us and are proving to be good help. Miss Tedford has changed her status to that of a permanent missionary and is endeavoring to get a working knowledge of Arabic. Instead of five, we now have eight Egyptian nurses. A new American nurse, Miss Helen V. Kirkness, R.N. is to join us.

The housekeeping for an institution like this is no small task. Miss Esther Madory who had been very capably doing this work, left for America. We are thankful that Mrs. R. W. Walker, who with her late husband was for many years a missionary in Egypt, has come to replace Miss Madory. An Egyptian girl with Home Economics' training is acting as her assistant.

The office force has been strengthened by the addition of a capable young Syrian who knows office and business usages in the country. He speaks and writes Arabic, English and French, and all three are needed. We anticipate the arrival of an American secretary, Miss Shirley A. Moss, in the near future.

The evangelistic work has been carried on by a Bible woman and two part-time evangelists. We hope that upon his return. Rev. W. B. Jamison may soon locate a consecrated man who can devote his entire time to this work.

So as we look at the year's gains, we rejoice in a staff that promises well for the future. More recruits will be needed but a good organization is already at work. As to our plant, we have not so much to report. We have done some necessary repairing, but we are crowded all along the line. Efficient work demands an enlarged place and so we have made plans for an additional building. It remains for you women who have already expended much treasure in this institution to give us the authority to provide room for the work and the workers.

Over twenty-five hundred patients have been cared for in the hospital in 1947, but what is that among the many needy in this land of Egypt? Not much compared to the amount to be done. But we are Christian foreigners in a land of Muhammadan Nationalists. That makes us conspicuous. Why do they come to us at all? Only because others have here found healing and relief. Pain sends them. We cannot escape the publicity.

The year's record in figures shows:

Number of patients admitted to hospital		2,535
Men	1,655	
Women	750	
Children	130	
		2,535
Religions		
Muslims	2,070	
Copts	238	
Evangelicals	88	
Greek Orthodox	54	
Catholic	85	
		2,535
Nationalities		
Egyptian	2,423	
American	32	
British	8	
Greek	31	
Syrian	38	
Armenian	3	
		2,535
Towns and villages represented by patients		213
Number of operations		979

Those are some of the figures for 1947. What do they mean in terms of humanitarian service? Suffering relieved; Professional ideals exemplified. These things are the immeasurables in the report. They are also the most interesting part of it for those of us who have done the work here and also for you there who have made it possible through your prayers and gifts.

—*H. S. Hutchison, M.D.*

NURSES' REPORT

1947 began with the pleasant experience of a capping service for five student nurses held New Year's Day. When the girls complete their preliminary training and are entitled to wear a cap, we invite their friends and relatives to a candle-light service for the occasion. The ceremony is simple, but impressive, when they publicly pledge themselves to a life of service. One of the nurses remarked that she liked the capping exercises better than graduation because it seems a more sacred service. We do try to make the young nurses realize their sacred obligations in caring for the sick and teaching health measures to their people. Egypt has urgent need of Christian women interested in health programs. There are so many calls for nurses that we are unable to meet the need. And yet, we find it hard to interest educated young women in a work that is servant-professional in its scope. One staff doctor of the large Egyptian Medical University here in Cairo remarked to a friend of the Mission that he felt they had a good medical school and fine hospital facilities but lacked the essential good nursing service. After many years of hospital experience and nursing practice, I am convinced that a good nurse is essentially a Christian. May our two hospitals realize the dream of supplying the much needed nurses. A graduate nurse of our Assiut Training School has been employed as the matron of a small government hospital in Cairo. She has succeeded thus far in maintaining order and cleanliness. Our prayer is that she may help to bring peace and purity of heart to those who come under her care. It is not an easy task for a Christian girl to assume responsibility in a non-Christian institution.

Last May six nurses graduated and are now working in needy places. Two are employed in the Assiut Hospital and three have gone to our Tanta Hospital. The sixth girl is school nurse at our College for Girls in Cairo.

After Miss Helen Brownlee returned to Assiut Hospital from furlough, I was happy to be assigned to Tanta Hospital for a month during the summer to relieve Miss Lucile Nichols. I was glad to have an opportunity to work in Tanta Hospital, to study its problems—especially the nursing service. It has been increasingly difficult to get sufficient nurses to staff that hospital with its very large number of patients, both in the hospital itself and in the outpatients' clinic. Miss Nichols and Dr. Hutchison with other members of the staff had decided that a nurses' training school would provide the needed personnel as well as raise the standard of nursing care. We are eager to establish the training school before we begin construction of the new building so that we will have a nursing staff adequate to meet our needs. Tanta Hospital affairs are of special interest to me now that I will be going there in June when Miss Nichols goes home on mid-term furlough.

Since September I have been living in Cairo while studying Arabic. This is a radical change from hospital routine. There are innumerable opportunities here to meet the members of the Evangelical Church and get acquainted with the pastors. Frequently, I go with Dr. and Mrs. Acheson to visit the various churches and make calls on the members. We are especially interested now in the construction of a new large church being built by a Cairo congregation which has been meeting in the Nile Mission Press Building. The church is still unfinished but the pastor held Christmas service there in order that two elderly members who had contributed generously to it, might be certain to attend. Sand was spread like a thick carpet over the ground and heavy tapestries were draped over the roof and open windows. The platform was decorated with huge boquets of poinsettias and white chrysanthemums. The service was very impressive to the large group of people who crowded the unfinished building. Pray with us that this new church will be a great light and a new hope to the people who need it most.

Nellie V. Hill R. N.

AMERICAN HOSPITAL, TANTA

I attended a Women's Meeting in a very dirty, poor Coptic district of Cairo which is surrounded by Muslims. The narrow streets were dirty, the people were unkept, the goats lived on the stairs, the smells were many, but the 25 to 30 women who attended the meeting were all attentive and interested in what the Bible Woman was telling them about God's Word. Three of the women were learning to read and they were so proud of this accomplishment. The children interested me for I don't believe that there was one who was in perfect health. One had sore eyes and why wouldn't they have where there are dozens of flies constantly upon them, one little chap had his arm partly bandaged but his hand showed forth an angry burn. One little girl looked fairly clean but she had a nasty looking sore on her leg as did many others, most of them had colds and few of them had enough clothes to keep them warm in these cold unheated houses. Do you think these mothers were enjoying seeing their children in these conditions? Don't you think they would like to see them happy, well fed and clean with nice dresses? But then how clean would you be if you had to carry all of your water possibly a half mile from a city well?

Last spring we made a little trip to a village where many of our patients live. Yes, this place was dirty too, it looked as if they had been feeding the animals in the house. But the people were so happy to see us, so friendly that we could ignore the dirt for the moment. When the men folk had left the room the women

The American Mission Hospital, Tanta, Egypt.

were allowed to come in and visit with us. Many of them had been patients in our Hospital and were so thankful for what we had been able to do for them. Many of these children were suffering from disease, too. One mother was most concerned, her baby wasn't gaining weight, fussing and crying most of the time. She was wanting to know what she could do for him, what kind of a diet, she was wanting help, wanting a normal healthy baby as most mothers do.

From such places do the greater number of our patients come, more than we could take care of this last year. Wouldn't it be nice if we had enough nurses to do public health nursing in the villages? But we don't have enough to staff adequately our two Mission Hospitals. This last summer our hospital in Tanta was very short-staffed with all of the rooms and verandas full of patients. The junior and senior students from our Assiut Training School came in twos and threes a month at a time in the spring. The Egyptian nurse who works in the Cairo clinic gave us a month of her vacation., One of the former nurses of Tanta who is now married and has a little boy came and helped us two months, others of our American group helped.

Two Canadian Mission teachers offered us their services, one of them had worked in a hospital before, but it was all a new experience for the other one. Miss Graham worked with me in the operating room, she was thrilled with the operating and always wanted to be called at night if there was an emergency or a baby to be brought into the world. In a letter home telling about the work in our hospital she said: "I realized I was being given unusual chances to observe and help and feel the atmosphere of a Mission Hospital. The extreme need of the patients and helpers made me feel more deeply and fully our responsibility here. Surely the gratitude the men and women showed for every small effort made for their comfort was an open doorway of opportunity to speak for Christ. I hadn't the training to do very much more than give the cup of cold water, but God richly blessed it and me. How much more I could have done, or could do in the future if I had the necessary training—missionary work has a great variety of demands."

This fall three of the new graduates from the training school in Assiut came to be a part of our staff. With the additional help, one of the Egyptian nurses was able to take over my duties in the operating room which made it possible for me to come to Cairo this January for language study. I am finding the Arabic language very interesting, but a little hard to settle down to studying. But I greatly feel the need of the language in serving the Lord and the people in whose land we are living.

Alberta A. Tedford, R. N.

"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts". The Lord has promised that His word shall not return to Him void, and He is faithful to fulfill His promises. "In due season, we shall reap, if we faint not." Sometimes the Lord in His gracious loving kindness shows us some results to encourage us in our work, and to inspire us to work more.

"Badea was a very sick patient in the hospital. At times when the gospel story was told, she listened and asked some questions. Sometimes she did not care at all, even pretended not to be listening. At present she is well enough to be present and to see the lantern slides, showing the story of Jesus life on earth. One evening, she asked: "Where is He whom you call Jesus? Can't He come now and put His hand on me and heal me?" She was told that He is still living, and powerful and willing to heal her, if she could believe Him and trust His word. So she prays that He will heal her, and she is well enough to attend the meeting for the workers and enjoys listening to the singing and to the Gospel message. But she needs more work through the power of the Spirit, to make her strong to stand temptation, and perhaps even persecution, for Muhammadans are disowned by their families when they accept Christ. So please remember her in your prayer, and me also that I may be able to teach with power, of His spirit, all that the Lord may put in my way here in the hospital work."

(The above story was written by our Bible woman, Miss Emily.) We hope that she may be able to go out on the Delta car this Spring, as she did last year to visit people in the villages who had been patients in the Hospital, and who were very glad to welcome her to their homes later. One little boy, saw her coming and ran joyfully to his mother saying, "Miss Emily is coming, the one who told us about Christ." One woman who had her hand injured, asked her if she were giving the same message that she did at the Hospital, saying that she wanted to hear it again. Sometimes in visiting villages which are entirely Muhammadan, we find an opening, and a real welcome, because some one there was once a patient in the Hospital. Such opportunities could be multiplied if we only had the trained helpers to make the visits.

Every evening, when the work is finished, the workers gather for a chapel service, to which any patients who are able are welcome to come. The colorful lantern slides impress them greatly as well as the Gospel stories and the singing. On Tuesday evening, we have a Bible study for the Egyptian nurses and on Wednesday, a like meeting for the maids, at which time we enjoy the fellowship of being together when off duty. We covet your prayers. Are we not co-laborers together?

Lucille Nichol, R. N.

EVENING PRAYER

At even, ere the sun was set,
The sick, O Lord, around Thee lay;
O in what divers pains they met!
O with what joy they went away!

O Saviour Christ, our woes dispel:
For some are sick, and some are sad,
And some have never loved Thee well,
And some have lost the love they had.

And none, O Lord, have perfect rest,
For none are wholly free from sin;
And they who fain would serve Thee best
Are conscious most of wrong with'n.

Thy touch has still its ancient power:
No word from Thee can fruitless fall;
Hear in this solemn evening hour,
And in Thy mercy heal us all.

Henry Twells.

Ethiopia

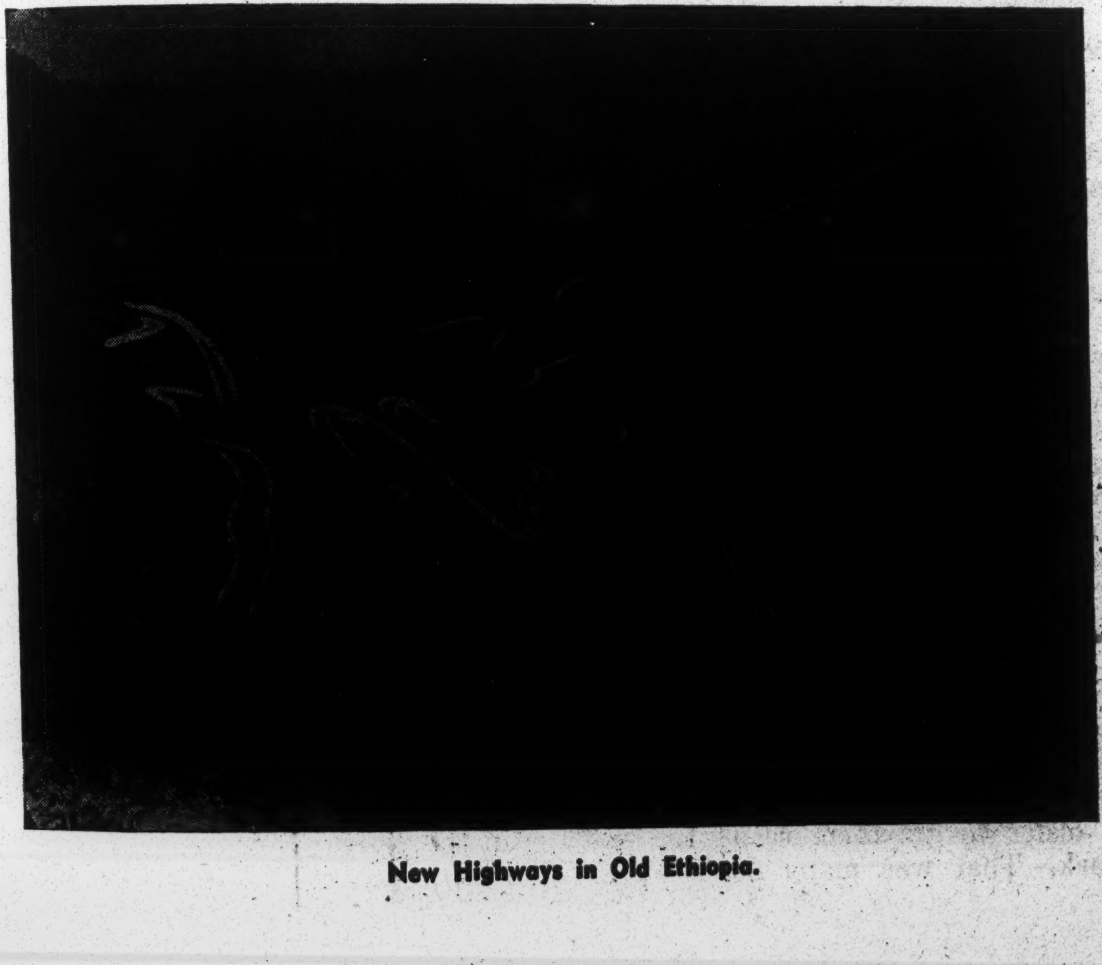
The Ministry Of Healing

SAYO, ETHIOPIA

As I look back over the year I thank God for His goodness and help; many difficult things could not have been done if it had not been for His help and guidance. Even though the Mission is a twenty-minute walk from the town the distance does not keep the people from coming even in stormy weather. We also have quite a few patients who must walk or be carried for several days before arriving at the Mission.

Last April our prayers for a doctor were answered, when Dr. William denDulk arrived. As the motor road from Nasir to Gambeila was not opened last year, and the Addis Ababa-to-Sayo road is almost impossible, it looked as if we might have to wait until the boat season in July before the Dr. den Dulks could come, but an air plane service opened up betwen Addis Ababa and Gambeila which made it possible for them to come sooner.

Up until the coming of Dr. den Dulk, our work was mostly in the clinic and a few emergencies. The few in-patients we had, lived in native huts near the hospital. All of them like to have a fire in their room, where they can prepare their food. After the doctor arrived the wards and rooms were put in readiness for in-patients and their food was supplied from the hospital. Soon all the beds were filled and there have been many times when there



New Highways in Old Ethiopia.

Miss Ruth Beatty's Garden—Miss Beatty finds recreation in working with vegetables and flowers.

were more than could be accommodated.

Prayers for the patients are conducted both in Amharic and in Galla, before clinic begins. We pray that the seed that is being sown will yield much fruit.

Often Dr. den Dulk has spoken of how the Lord has supplied all our needs. While in Addis Ababa on his way to Sayo he was able to secure a number of beds for the hospital. The few in-patients we had were lying on mats on the ground. A number of times when medicines were getting low in supply, more came when they were needed.

Ruth C. Beatty, R. N.

SAYO

From January until early April of last year was spent in the clinic at Gorei in much the same manner as previously. Then came a month's vacation and the journey to Sayo. In Sayo there was no place to house me and the weary dragging through mud each day to get back and forth to the hospital lasted about two months.

The surgical department of the hospital had to be built up and I helped in that. The doctor's wife and I cleaned instruments that had been lying for some years unused, in order to get them ready for the work. That was many day's work, on my part from morning until night. It seemed to me that all I had done since my return to Ethiopia in 1942 was clean up dirty hospitals and houses, and here I was again doing more preparation for the work. Finally, the operating room was in order and Dr. den Dulk has done very creditable surgery in the months that have followed. He has had to contrive in many ways because of lack of the proper materials for up-to-date surgery and he is extremely good at that. There has been great satisfaction in the surgery done. Our small sterilizer was a great handicap and consumed much time that might have been spent more profitably. Now they have the big sterilizer mended and in order, and with the plentiful supply of linen sent by the Junior Special the linen can accumulate until there is enough to run the big sterilizer. One of the handicaps before was the lack of towels and sheets so that, as soon as they could be washed and dried, they had to be sterilized in order to keep enough going for operations. When we had two operations in a day then we had a dearth of supplies until the ones used could be ready again for the sterilizer. With such a long rainy season the drying was a tedious job and delayed us in the work. Now all that is over and things should run more smoothly with plenty of linen and ability to sterilize a quantity at a time.

We were glad to welcome Miss Nichol and Miss Faught back to the work and those in Sayo were particularly glad to have Miss Faught there to begin her work in the hospital.

In November the men went on the survey trip to the Maji area and returned with a good report both of Maji and Gimeera. At Association meeting it was voted that I be sent to the work in Maji, and so I have come to Addis Ababa to begin the purchasing of supplies for the clinic and to see about necessary permits for the work there.

The Fred L. Russells and myself had an interview with Dejazmatch Masfin who is Governor General of both the Maji and Gimeera Provinces. He declares himself willing to help us get the work started. Let us pray that we may soon be able to occupy, even in a small way, this great pagan territory.

—Nessie F. Pollock, R. N.

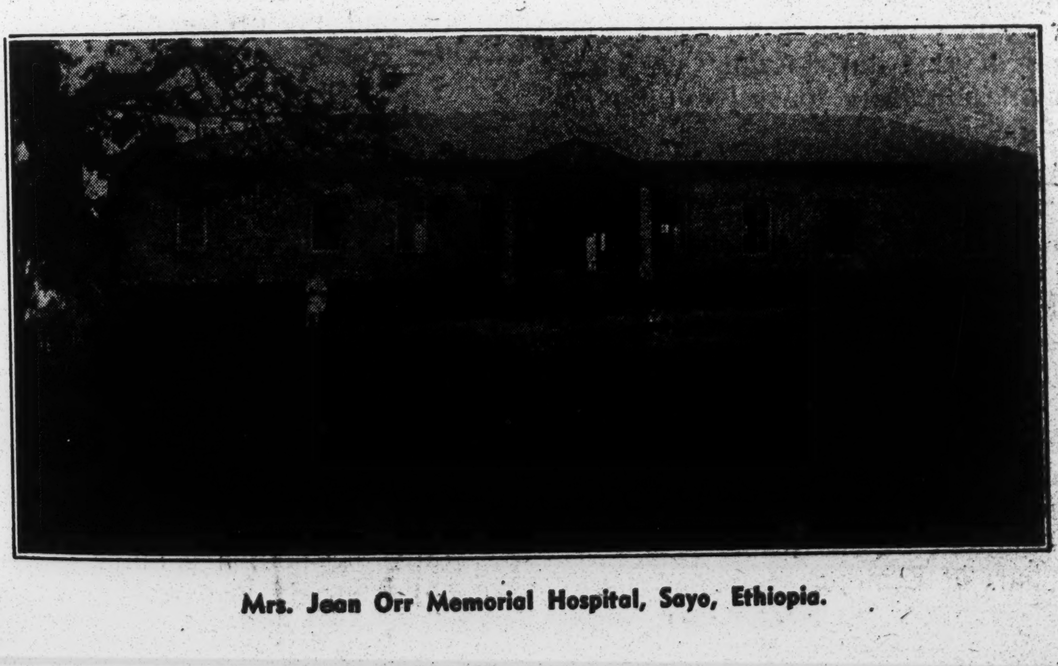
The Ministry Of Teaching

ADDIS ABABA

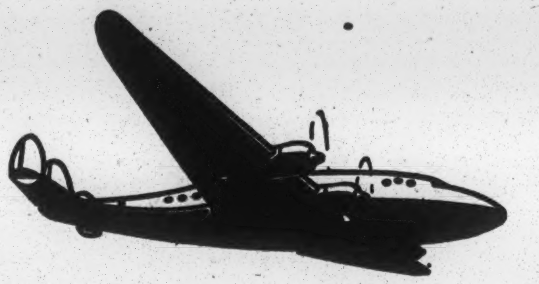
The Girls' School in Addis Ababa has passed through many trials and tribulations, sometimes the trials seeming to be almost too great to permit the school to survive. But there has always remained the loyalty of the people of Gulalei and their desire to have their little girls educated in The American Mission Girls' School has encouraged us to carry on.

When I returned from furlough a little over a year ago it was to find that our building which had housed the Girls' School since its beginning in 1925, was being occupied by a group of young men being trained as dressers in a government program. The school equipment had been moved into a small house on the compound which through the years had housed one or another of the American families on the staff of the George Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Kissling had a small Day School during the morning hours which was welcomed by the parents and children of the community, and which was a nucleus for the school which was reopened in January, 1947.

It was not long until every avail-



Mrs. Jean Orr Memorial Hospital, Sayo, Ethiopia.



able seat was filled and requests came from all over the city for places in a boarding school. We managed to squeeze in four little girls who had been boarders the preceding year, children who had no other home in the city and who had to be in boarding school if they were to attend school at all. The Ethiopian teachers took these little girls in and are responsible for their care in addition to their other duties through the day.

The dining room, living room, a store room and even a narrow hall leading to the kitchen are all bursting with school children. Tables and chairs are moved about to make room for the school and again moved to transform the house into living quarters at the end of the day. Trouble of any kind always draws into closer fellowship those who are involved and we found that the girls entered into the program of a makeshift school most heartily. When we actually have a real school building again I wonder if we won't miss some of the satisfaction we have felt in adjusting ourselves during this period.

Among those who helped to swell the numbers of our classes are some girls from the Galla-speaking areas. Not far from us lives a firm friend of Missions, the wife of a governor of one of the provinces. She is much interested in education for girls and has undertaken to pay the tuitions of eight girls ranging in age from eight to perhaps sixteen years. Our friend comes from the Sayo area and is of the line of the former rulers of that part of Ethiopia. Some of these girls are relatives who have lived far from any mission or government schools. Two large girls of about 16 come regularly to the alphabet class and have learned this year to read and sew. The smaller girls have advanced more rapidly but the gratitude of these two older girls makes up for all the patience it has taken through the months to teach them even the elementary things they have learned. These girls will one day be returning to the far western border of the country no doubt, and what is being done for them is seed sown looking to a harvest in that part of Ethiopia.

A year and a month have passed since we recommended day school in these cramped quarters, and sometimes it seems that we are no nearer a solution of our problem of housing than we were in January, 1947. But this we know, that in the meantime we have not lost the love and sympathy of our many friends throughout the city and country; a great crowd of them are praying for us and advising and working for us when they can, to help us settle our problem here. A little more patience and a lot more prayer will see us through this crisis. Confident that Our Heavenly Father cares for these little girls and wants them to have what we can give them, we take courage and buy up the opportunities as they come.

—Mrs. Ruth L. Walker.

GIRLS' SCHOOL, ADDIS ABABA

Once again we call the roll in a schoolroom in Ethiopia. Pure Gold, Her New One, I-Found-A-Sister, My Crown, and many others are all present. As we call the names we think of other girls with similar names, who used to come to school when we were formerly here in Ethiopia. That was nearly nine years ago, so most of them are quite grown up. Many of them are married and have children. It is a great delight to have some of them come back to see us. In very appearance they certainly look different. No longer do their skirts sweep the ground. Their clothes are not mere white or "off white"—rather they are bright and colorful. Many of them have abandoned the modest white over-shawl. They have developed new and strange coiffures with rolls, curls, and braids! Frequently they tie up their hair in gay silk handkerchiefs. Truly they have taken on the "New Ethiopian look"! The lives and actions of these girls, moreover, are much freer than those of a few years ago. During recess time, for example, they do not sit primly and quietly on the ground, as did their elder sisters. Rather do they skip rope, play ball and other active games with normal, gleeful, childlike merriment. For this new wholesome freedom we are thankful. With fond remembrance when the "old girls" come, we talk of the "good old days" when they were children in our cozy little school here in Addis Ababa. Today we look sadly and longingly at that little building which is now in government hands. Some of the girls are somewhat of a disappointment to us, as we hear of their divorces and waywardness from God. Others gladden our hearts, as we see them in their places as truly Christian wives and mothers.

At present we are unable to spend full time in the school, as it is necessary to devote some time to re-learning the language of the country. One can forget a very great deal in nine years, especially when one has been in another foreign land in the interim. Urdu, the language we used in our school in India, seems persistently and vainly to flood our thoughts. Now after two months in Ethiopia, however, we are beginning to be able to express ourselves again in Amharic. While we try to study language each morning, four young women conduct the school. One young woman is a former pupil; another is a young girl from Asmara; a third is a girl from our Sayo church, and the fourth spent some years in Egypt. Not one of them is really trained, but they carry on the work very faithfully. In the afternoons each day, while the oldest teacher supervises the handwork, we teach the three younger teachers. They are intersted in learning typing, English and piano. In the future we hope to find time to help them more in the actual teaching of their classes that they may learn more of the skills of teaching and may perceive that teaching is a real art.

Miss Ruth M. Nichol
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

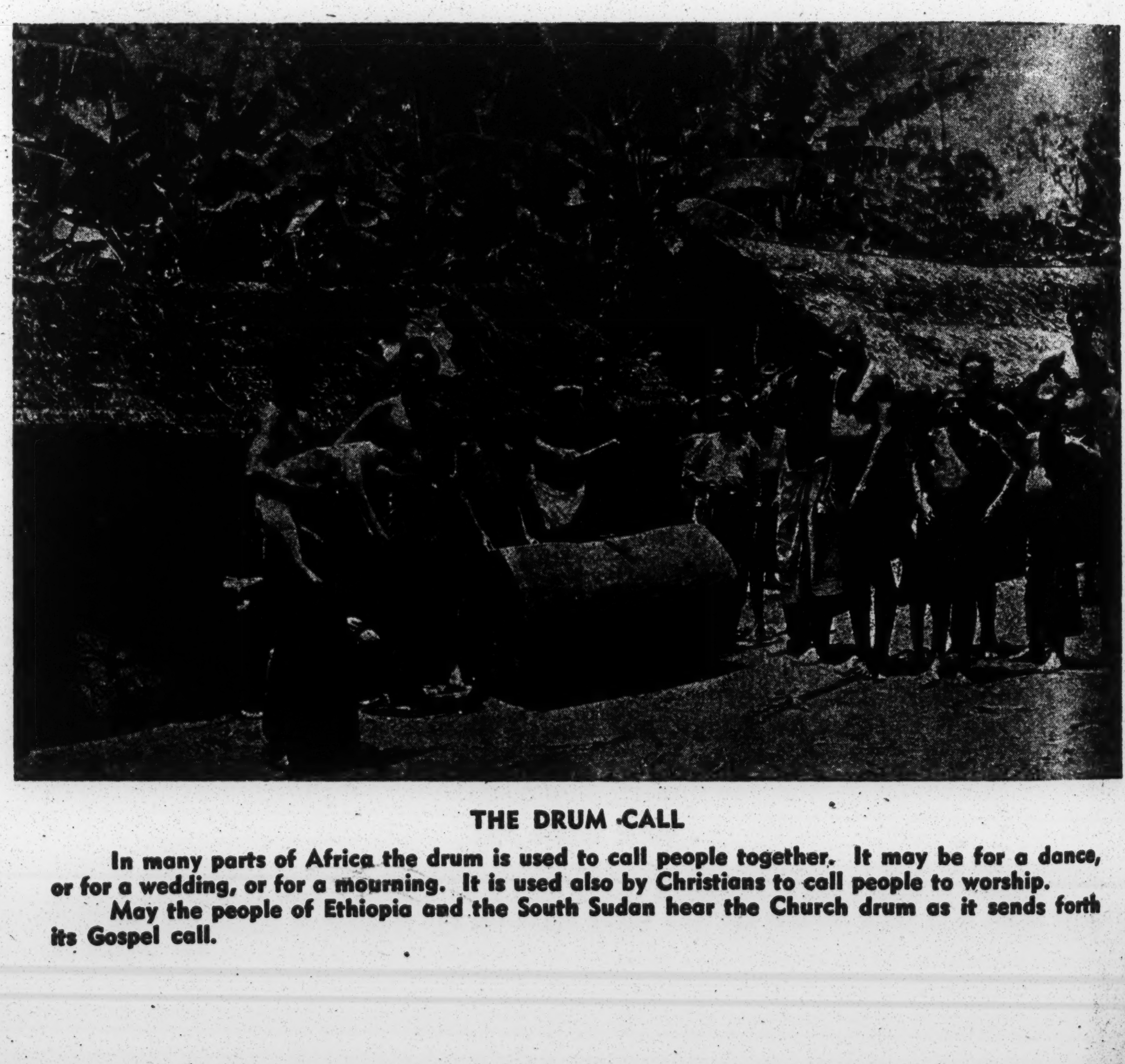
Our school program begins each day with a chapel service held in the chapel of the hospital — the only part of the hospital that we are still allowed to use. For this place of worship we are thankful. Of course Bible is taught each day in the school, and it is our deep hope that each of our girls will truly learn to know Christ as her personal Saviour.

In these days in Ethiopia there is widespread interest in education. For this reason we are anxious to expand our educational program and develop a Boarding School for girls. In present circumstances, however, we can only manage a day school. Classes are conducted right in our house in very crowded quarters. Withal, we believe there are better days ahead, so we are not discouraged. Meanwhile, we thank God for this opportunity to teach and lead even this small group of fifty girls. This is the only school for girls in this immediate community. How glad we are we can not only teach reading and writing but Christ crucified! Pray that the Lord may enlarge our boundaries and increase our usefulness!

—*Ruth M. Nichol.*

GOREI

Looking back over this past year, I feel as though I had not done much to advance the Kingdom of God in Ethiopia. The first part of the year I spent in Egypt and Addis Ababa on three months' mid-term vacation. Later I helped prepare Gala lessons for Dr. F. C. Laubach. It appears now that these will never be printed or used because the Education Department has said that only Amharic or a foreign language can be used as a means of instruction here. At the end of that period, I had no Mission assignment. I had been assigned to a new station, but because of various circumstances, it could not be opened this year. Then the Mission told me to come to Gorei and do what I could do help the other missionaries here. I taught English



THE DRUM CALL

In many parts of Africa the drum is used to call people together. It may be for a dance, or for a wedding, or for a mourning. It is used also by Christians to call people to worship.

May the people of Ethiopia and the South Sudan hear the Church drum as it sends forth its Gospel call.

and Bible in the evening school to a class that averaged about ten. After some effort I succeded in starting eight small groups of women for Bible lesson and prayer meeting once a week. Some of these groups have dwindled to two women. This may be partly due to the fact that I have had to change from the Galla to the Amharic language in the teaching. Monday and Friday mornings, I have taught Bible to the four upper classes in the government girls' school. I have hoped and prayed that from my women's groups might come one whom the Lord had called to carry on this type of evangelistic work. Possibly He will yet, or possibly He will call some of these school girls later into His service here. We pray that as the Lord blessed and increased the loaves and fishes, He will bless and increase our feeble efforts for Him.

Isabel Blair

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AFRICA WAITING

They are waiting everywhere—
Where the fields of earth are fair,
Where the rivers nobly run,
Where the blossoms seek the sun,
Where the hills rise, high and grand
Looking proudly o'er the land—
Waiting! Waiting!

They are waiting in the wild,
Sick and weary and defiled;
And the Saviour's healing word
They have never, never heard;
Ever hungry and unfed
Left without the living bread—
Waiting! Waiting!

For the happy beam of day
That shall chase their gloom away,
For the news, so glad and blest,
That shall set their hearts at rest;
For the peace we know and prize,
For the peace beyond the skies—
Waiting! Waiting!

Yet not voiceless and alone,
For their cry to heaven hath flown;
And the Master waiteth too,
Waiteth ransomed soul for you,
Till the life devotion sweet
Be outpoured at His feet—
Waiting! Waiting!

S. G. Stock, on Bishop Tucker's telegram,
"Africa Waiting."

The Sudan

The Ministry Of Preaching

KHARTOUM NORTH AND ENVIRONS

This year has seen no decrease in the number of pupils in the homes in Khartoum North and environs but it has seen a decrease in the number of Bible Women. We have had on our roll during the year 513 pupils to whom we have gone each week. Seventy-six of these are reading in some portion of the Bible. Two are reading in Pilgrim's Progress.

One of our most faithful Bible Women was married during the year and it has been very difficult to fill her place. However, she has not lost her interest in the work and hopes later to be able to give some of her time. Another had to go to fill a vacancy elsewhere.

There has been only one new pupil in the Christian Training School and of the three who were in the higher class, one was married and two weeks later met a tragic death when the pressure stove exploded and she was burned.

There have been some refusals of lessons, perhaps a few more than we have usually had in former years, but there have always been new requests to fill the ranks immediately. Perhaps that is God's will that others might be given the opportunity to hear His Word.

One thing which has been very encouraging was the fact that two of our Christian women of the church, both of them mothers with children under school age, volunteered to give a day a week to the work in the homes. They have been much interested and are finding out some of the problems connected with the work. There are others among our women who could and should be willing to give one day at least to the Lord's work.

My own work has been a bit different this year as I spend two days each week at Gereif training girls of the higher class who do the teaching in the homes there. There has been a higher enrollment here than usual. There has been some opposition from individuals not connected with the work in the homes. One man who is a teacher in the government school has done his best to put a stop to our work. We have lost a very few as a result but have gained nearly twice as many more.

Another task which fell to my lot in Gereif this year is the follow-up work and encouragement of the men learning to read under the Laubach Method. I go to the club on the two nights that I am out at Gereif. Most of these men are farmers and need considerable encouragement to assure them that that they can learn to read. Unfortunately there is only one young man from among the people themselves who has caught the vision of service and is willing to give of his time continuously in helping his brothers learn to read.

Our yearly presbyterial meeting was held in August with not quite so large an attendance as in former years. This was due in part to the disintegration of the Khartoum Missionary Society. However, the women of the church are requesting that the society be reorganized and we trust that renewed interest will be taken. Our new presbyterial president is a very capable young woman who was our first graduate from the Christian Training School. Under her guidance the several societies hope to observe the Day of Prayer around the World. Our Thank Offering amounted to nearly $234.00 this year. Part of it went to the Bush Schools in the South Sudan.

We praise God for the many open doors which are still before us and we pray that He may thrust out new workers while there is still opportunity.

—*Una Coie*

LANGUAGE STUDY

It has been almost a year since my arrival in the Sudan, a year filled with blessings from the Lord. The biggest part of it has been spent in the study of the Arabic language, which I find fascinating.

The first term of study, from March until September, was spent on colloquial Arabic, with the very beginning of the alphabet at the last. At the beginning of the second term in September, I was introduced to classical Arabic, as found in the primer and the first three chapters of the Gospel John.

One high point during this time was the coming of Miss Esther Cummings to instruct our teachers in Phonetics. Never before had I realized how little I knew, even of the English language, let alone the Arabic! The Lord helping me, the next few months will see a great improvement in my Arabic.

Since September I have been helping Miss Una Coie with two days of the work here in Khartoum North, while she is at Gereif. It has been good training for the time when I will have complete charge of this work in some station, and it has been thrilling to watch the pupils as they listen to the Word of God. Truly we have a wonderful Lord.

—*Aleta J. Matthews*

OMDURMAN

The year 1947 marks a great event in the history of Bible Women's Work in Omdurman. It will be a year that will no doubt date other happenings and developments, for we will be saying, not so many years before or after the flood but "before or after we moved." In August, the Bible women and I moved into brand new houses! This is the first time Bible women workers in Omdurman have had quarters that were the property of the Mission. We have had the privilege of seeing the erection of the buildings from the digging of the foundation and on. They are spacious and comfortable and suited to our various activities. We are very thankful for them.

With this new beginning, we have been able to begin a Monday afternoon sewing class where girls and women come to learn crochet and knitting, with other kinds of handwork to be added as time goes on. By the end of December the attendance had reached 34 with promise of more to come. This group keeps two Bible women and a special teacher busy with the sewing. Sitt Mary, one of our experienced teachers, takes most of the responsibility for directing the meeting and gives the Bible story.

On the same afternoon I go with two other teachers out to the Wad Nabowi district where another sewing meeting is held. This group has had teaching for many years and is having for their Bible hour, the story of Pilgrim's Progress given with flannelgraph.

Our teaching in the homes in the mornings has continued through the year much the same as usual with an average of about 225 receiving their weekly lessons.

ATBARA

After the summer holidays two teachers were sent to work in the homes instead of one. For a long time the one there had pleaded for help as so many girls were asking for the Bible woman to come and, of course, she alone could not take them all. Sending two to Atbara made more work for others in another place, but we have been gratified to see that in the short time since the extra teacher started the Atbara roll has increased more than 100 percent.

PORT SUDAN

Because of the illness of a Bible Woman, work was not opened in Port Sudan after the summer holidays. Previous to that the work was going well and they, too, were wanting an extra worker which so far we cannot supply. Work has reopened with the beginning of the new year and we trust will bring forth fruit in the lives of the girls and women there.

—*E. Verna Pillow.*

WAD MEDANI

This has been a year of routine work with not many tangible results to record. But over all the routine has been a golden glow, for there were 3,954 opportunities to give a Bible lesson.

January 1947 opened with an enrollment of 148 pupils. A number have been dropped for various reasons. There has been some opposition though not more than usual. A goodly number of new pupils were added so that December shows a net increase of 28 pupils.

Only a few pupils have been reading the Bible for themselves and this week one of these has been compelled to drop her study. An uncle came home and forbade her to take lessons. The pupil's own solution of the problem—"It won't be long until he travels again, and then I will resume my lessons."

At times it would seem that more interest is shown in sewing than in learning to read, but the sewing has been confined to afternoon classes. Our aim and purpose continues to be to give a reading lesson, and simple lessons in dictation and arithmetic if requested, but to lay most emphasis on the Bible lesson. If we were prepared to give lessons in English our enrollment would increase greatly. One of our pupils, (the daughter of a native policeman), after learning to read herself, has taught her old father to read.

There is no doubt that some have been brought face to face with a definite decision. One such I witnessed in a woman who as a girl had gone to the Church of England Mission school here. During a lesson on the Crucifixion the Holy Spirit definitely brought the message through the centurion's testimony at the cross: "Truly this man was the Son of God." She refused the testimony and has not been the same person since. Truly light refused becomes darkness.

It has been a year of routine work, but the routine has been made glorious by the open doors. That open doors are still routine amid the changing thought and political unrest gives an urgency to all our work. We must press on to seize our opportunities for the time may be shorter than we think.

—*Mary E. Coie*

THE SOUTH SUDAN
NASIR

1947 Association assigned me to full-time work in the villages with the exception of the time the doctor would be on vacation, so I returned to Nasir jubilant with plans for the year. But after leaving Malakal, there was a 100-mile or more stretch of river where there was too little water for boats and the road had too much water for cars so I started toward Nasir by canoe. It was a five day trip—an interesting thing to do *once*.

From March 19 until the end of the year (except during my vacation) services were held regularly in Nuer homes within walking distance of the Mission. We went to homes just beyond easy access to the Mission for these women cannot come to the Mission regularly for Church services. During this time 4,440 services were held with a total attendance of 28,422 listeners, which included men as well as children and women, but no young children were counted. A progressive course of lessons has been used in an effort to make the Plan of Salvation plain, while once a month we held a welfare lesson. Flannelgraphs as illustrations have helped.

For assistants, I have had three young men—illiterate—but good talkers and walkers, both qualifications being equally necessary. In August, I let my best worker go as his witness by word and life were not the same and I have missed him a great deal. But, in December, four advanced schoolboys joined our ranks and now two bush school teachers are coming to work with us. We start the New Year with four teams as I send them out two by two. Each team holds twenty services a day. The Message is well received; people listen eagerly and ask us back. Occasionally we hear a great commotion at some village and know they are sacrificing to their old gods. Almost every village to which we go to has a pile of ashes with the bones of their last sacrifice emerging from it. We see results from our welfare lessons and we hope the Message is also taking root. But we realize that the battle is not won by any means and needs every bit of time and energy we can give it.

A vacation in the Red Sea hills gave me an opportunity to copy what we have translated (some of being the first draft only) of the it being the first draft only) of the New Testament, into the latest system of orthography which was adopted four years ago. When I returned to Khartoum, I got it bound and it is good to see the four Gospels, Acts and eleven of the lesser Epistles in one volume, all but Matthew and Acts having been translated under my supervision. I hope to go over it critically while on furlough, comparing it with its Mother Text.

As school closes now I am giving out two small pamphlets I have prepared, one of Bible stories and their applications, the other of welfare. Each pupil promises to read to his mother—certainly a sideline worth trying—and we hope it will spread the Message farther than our feet can take us.

Surely this evangelistic work among the village women at Nasir area has been blessed wonderfully.

Ray Huffman, R.N.

The home of a Shilluk family. One part is used for a kitchen, the other for a sleeping room, with a small yard between.

The Ministry Of Teaching

GIRLS' SCHOOL,

KHARTOUM NORTH, The Sudan

There was a time when we emphasized our desire for a larger proportion of Sudanese pupils—in 1947 more than 60% of our children were Sudanese, and they continue to come in increasing numbers. We had been asking for years for some one to train teachers, so we began to stress the idea of getting young women to come for three years and how abundantly and richly the Lord has answered our prayers in that regard! Miss Carolyn Brewer is finishing three years of service, during which time she has made Home Economics the most popular course in school, and has trained two teachers who can carry on very well while she is in America preparing to return as a full-time missionary. Miss Leonard did a fine job of supervising teachers for two years, then returned to the U.S.A. Two other young women, Miss Helen McCoy and Miss Mary L. Shields, arrived toward the end of last year and are filling most acceptably our need for supervisors of beginning teachers, as well as taking classes in the high school. Our short-term missionaries have been truly interested in the spiritual welfare of those about them as any full-time appointees.

We have often mentioned our longing for more older girls—we get an unlimited number of little ones, but our high school and intermediate classes are small. God has not sent into our secondary department the number for which we have prayed, but He has given us the privilege of teaching more than thirty girls of 13 years or older in a village which has never before had Gospel teaching. One day last fall Miss Frances Turk and I drove the ten miles across the desert to visit a servant of ours who lay ill in that village, and we yearned over the place, for we felt that there was a fine people with not a Christian influence. Some weeks later, to our astonishment, there came a petition from men of that community asking us to open a school for girls, and promising to pay all expenses. When we reminded them that we are Christians and would wish to carry on in our own way they said they were willing. We anticipated difficulties—it is almost impossible to get teachers to go to such a place without a missionary; it would not be easy to get the money so glibly promised; we would certainly meet opposition to our teaching the Bible. But we have made a start by taking a group of teachers out to spend two long afternoons a week giving lessons in reading, sewing and beginning English, and closing with a flannelgraph Bible story, and we feel that the Lord will use this opportunity for His glory. The petition from Halfavat al Malook came at a time of readiness on our part, for the teachers were full of enthusiasm to teach adults by the Laubach method, following the visit of Miss Helana Mekhail of Cairo, who had spent a month in the North Sudan in the interests of the Adult Literacy Campaign, and had made our home her headquarters. Also, Miss Turk and I were able to participate in the work as we could not have done had we not had our short-term missionaries.

We have mentioned the blessing which Miss Helana Mekhail's visit brought us. Right now we are profiting spiritually and intellectually from the presence of Miss Esther Cummings, who has been giving a course in phonetics to teachers of missionaries and to missionaries who have gathered here from our Mission, the Sudan United Mission, and the Sudan Interior Mission. At the time that some of our teachers have been released from their classwork for Miss Cummings' lectures, a government lady doctor of whom we have become very fond, has been giving Red Cross First Aid lectures to the high school girls in English, while one of our graduates, a nurse, has been giving the same work in Arabic to intermediate girls. These pupils will all take the British Red Cross examinations soon.

Several years ago I complained that we had too few girls in comparison with the boys in our new village school, a two-teacher establishment that was in every other way a joy to us. In 1947 the majority of the pupils were girls, 86 having enrolled as compared with six the first year. Fifteen of those who finished the work offered there joined the Girl's Boarding School as day pupils in January, 1948.

Last year we wrote particularly of our wish for more village schools. Our request for permission to erect two was granted by government authorities and by our Women's Board, and those centers will soon be opened, providing two new communities with a place where both children and adults will be able to hear the Word of God.

GEREIF SCHOOLS

One of our appointments is the supervision of the boys' and girls' schools in the rural district of Gereif. Our Mission has there a farm, work in the homes, a one-teacher school for girls, and an elementary school for boys with a graduate of ours teaching the little boys, and two well-qualified men teachers taking the older ones. At Gereif, where white ants work incessantly, and where the first buildings were erected without the knowledge of how to protect wood, there is much to be done to make suitable houses for men teachers and rooms for both schools. The boys not only follow the very excellent course of study provided for government schools, but they also farm. Last year their products took a number of prizes in the annual agriculture show held in Khartoum, a first being in cauliflower. They also raised peanuts, tomatoes, and other vegetables. This year, also, their crops are promising. We have had more time to give to Gereif the last few months because of our additional staff, so we have started a mothers' meeting on Tuesday afternoons, trying to reach women who do not have lessons with the Bible women. We hope there may also be a meeting for men, growing out of the fact that some fathers have objected to the Gospel messages we have been giving their boys each week with the aid of the flannelgraph. We have asked them to come on Tuesday night to hear the lesson which will be presented to their sons the next morning. I made a beginning last week with four men who regularly come to Miss Una Coie when she is out there with the Bible women, to get help in learning to read and write.

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We thank you for your interest and your support and ask that you join us in prayers for the future of your work and ours in the North Sudan. We need wisdom and money to meet the expanding needs of our school. We now have every room full to capacity and every chair in use, and are daily turning away would-be pupils. We have had many requests lately for places in the boarding department, ten this past week, but we are more than full as it is. We should like to find a happy solution to the problem of helping to care for homeless, unwanted babies, many of whom have been offered us this last year. We have taken two for the sake of our class in baby care, a boy and a girl, both healthy, happy little persons who were cast off by their parents: we should like to have everyone brought to us, with no questions asked. There is the constant need of wisdom and courage to meet the challenge of open doors to preach God's Word and at the same time to overcome the prejudice of individuals in every group we wish to reach. Again we ask for your prayers.

Marguerite M. McClellan

DOLEIB HILL

It is but fitting that this should be a narrative of what God has done. Had some one told me two years ago that such a report could be made this year I should have been skeptical. The Lord has opened up the work in a wonderful way. Villages are asking for schools faster than we can prepare teachers and provide the funds. Boys who at first wanted nothing but government jobs are now wanting to return to their villages; these are asking to become teachers but of course need further training. They will give up jobs in Malakal that had been paying them L.E. 1,500 and start teaching in the village at 40 piasters per month if they can get a school.

We have been amazed at the ease with which we have been able to fill in while sending teachers up for training to become approved teachers. We wanted very much to send one of our boys to Obel this year for training, but could not think of a person to take his school and we did not want to close it during his training period. Finally the teacher was asked if he could suggest some one to take his place—immediately he answered,—"Yes, there is a boy in our village who has just finished 5th year at Doleib Hill who can take my place." And so it has been time and again that the Lord has prepared the way before us.

Village schools now number 12 with the possibility of 2 or 3 more being opened in the near future. These schools have an enrollment of 650, about 200 of whom are girls.

We now have 5 approved teachers and hope to have 4 more by the end of this year and at least 2 more by the end of 1949. These approved teachers are permitted by the government to teach the first three grades and we hope that it will not be long until they may teach the 4th grade as well. Besides our approved teachers we have 3 selected teachers who received government grant. Below these there are several sub-grade teachers who are either serving as helpers in approved schools, or having served a period as helpers have gone out and opened schools in their home villages; for these latter we receive no government grant.

The wives of our teachers come in twice a week for two-hour class periods and are showing interest in their class work and in bettering themselves and are getting a vision of becoming helpers working as leaders in their home villages. Teachers and their wives are seeking better homes with more of what we consider the real necessaries of life. Some of them are holding Sabbath services in their villages and we are hoping soon to have such services in all of the villages. One or two have caught the vision of becoming real spiritual leaders among their people as a result of coming in contact with other African Christian workers. They are recognizing the fact that if their people are to be reached with the message and the attendant blessings it must be they and not the foreigner who carry that message.

If we are faithful in our prayers for these our co-workers and do not withhold the funds necessary for carrying on the work, the funds with which the Lord has so richly blessed us I am confident that our portion of the Shulla tribe may soon be reached for Him. May His kingdom come and His will be done among this people.

—*Elsie E. Grove*

DOLEIB HILL

In the first year on the Mission field there is little that I have done, but all the things that I have learned would fill many reports. The study of the Shilluk language has been the first thing on my schedule, hours of sitting across the table from a very black teacher, hearing him say the strange words, watching him make the new sounds and then trying to say them as he did. The thought patterns of these people are not like the English and so I've learned to say; "He was seen by me" instead of "I saw him." The Shilluk vocabularly is in some ways limited and one word may mean any of the following: "down, below, earth," or "world"; there is another three-letter word that can mean eight different things depending upon the way it is pronounced. Because of these and many other such difficulties it is necessary to go on with the language study for several more years.

Teaching English in the second and fifth year classes in the Doleib Hill Boys' School has been a real joy, for it is a fine way to come to know individually those little black fellows who all looked exactly alike when I first came to the Hill. They are all eager to learn English, but have trouble with some of the English sounds. I asked one second grader to show me his mouth, and pointing he said, "This is my mouse." Our "th" is foreign to them.

The teachers in the village schools come in to the station once a week for a class. Sometimes they study how to teach Arithmetic and sometimes it is Reading or English. There they hear the Bible stories again and practice telling them so that the youngsters in the villages will learn them right. These teachers aren't like the ordinary school-boys who want short classes and long vacations for more teaching and more frequent classes. It has been a joy to work with men who are so eager to teach the children in their villages and to teach them well. These men need prayer and may there be more like them.

One of the brightest and most enjoyable spots in the week for me is the little group of youngsters that gathers after the Sabbath morning church service to hear "God's talk" just for them. We all sit in a circle on the cement floor in one corner of the church; their ages range from one to 12 years. We sing together the songs of God—"Yes, Jesus Loves Me" is the current favorite. They say together John 3:16 and afterward sing it with their own Shilluk tune. There is the time for a Bible story which is rather haltingly told by their teacher, but the youngsters themselves help me out and it is surprising how much they get from it. Some of them know how to pray and most can pray together the Lord's Prayer. Those little black darlings are precious.

With the spirit of Christ working in the hearts of Shilluk Christians and missionaries as He is now doing there is a priceless opportunity for the evangelistic work to go forward so that the villages that up to this time have been beyond our reach may hear the saving story of Christ and His love. A station-wagon is greatly needed to reach the distant places, and we are trusting the Lord to take care of that need.

—*Dorothy L. Rankin.*

NASIR

The Nasir Girls' School opened on May 14 and closed on Christmas Day with one week's vacation in September for dura harvest. The average daily attendance was 22. The most discouraging feature of the attendance figures is that in 1946 a total of 34 came to school at one time or another with an average attendance of 17; in 1947 a total of 67 came with an average attendance of 22. . . . Almost twice as many had a look at "education" this year—and apparently found it wanting. There were only 11 who missed less than 50 days, Of the 67, 13 were enrolled in classes I, II, III, and IV—and 54 in kindergarten, 20 were little boys.

However, on the side of attainment, we progressed much further in both reading and arithmetic this year than a year ago . . . and an incident occurred in December which makes me feel deeply certain that He is using us. One of the nearby village school teachers came to the door one night about 9:00 calling Dr. Mary Smith and saying, "Pul is dying." . . . Not Pul Deng, I thought, and yet I knew that he was going to school out at this village . . . and it was he, and he was dying. He had been playing as usual in the morning, at noon he had had a headache, and now he was unconscious. He had been one of my little kindergarten boys last year . . . had come only the last two months after the flood had forced us into our verandas. He was the dearest little boy you ever saw . . . wide-eyed, he didn't miss anything. He kept on coming to Sabbath School after school closed and learned his verses better than anyone else and brought other little boys with him. He was one of the first people to come to see me when I came back last May, breathless with enthusiasm because he was going to school out in the village this year; he was a big boy now! He came two or three times every week to visit Classes III and IV in English, along with four or five of this year's kindergarteners, who sit quietly in the windows or on the visitors' bench listening to the big boys doing English. I know very well I will see him again some day, and that God used what we are doing toward that end. Now I know that they are never too little and that if they do start six months after the beginning of the year, it does not matter. They can still hear about God's Son and He can "reach into their hearts."

There are eight girls in school now between the ages of 13 and 20, five of whom are baptised. These with six other baptized girls form the nucleus of educated Christian girls upon whom the community looks—rather too skeptically, I believe, to prove whether or not Christianity and education are good for women. They are a nucleus, I believe, upon whom the Lord is depending to form Christian Nuer homes which will usher in a new day. And because of this I wonder if the other Powers aren't working overtime to complicate their lives and their witness.

At mid-term we had a general reorganization at the suggestion of Mr. K. O. Williams, Government Inspector, and sent all those who were far enough advanced over to the boys' school, leaving only two kindergarten divisions in the girls' school building. Ten girls went—two in Class IV, three in Class II, and five in Class I. They returned in the middle of the morning for an activity period and our own chapel service. This succeeded really much better than we had expected.

This year we had two village kindergartens, each having an average attendance of five or six with many neighbors between the ages of two weeks and 70 years auditing the course. We would like to have every girl who finishes Class IV have a little kindergarten like this in her home, especially if she is a real Christian. But so far very few have stayed in school long enough to really learn to read and write.

—*Marian J. Farquhar*

The Ministry Of Healing

KHARTOUM NORTH

According to the minutes of our Association of 1947, I should by now have had great tales of my new work in the villages to tell about. But, alas, I can only add another verse to the same old "Serve at the Girls' Boarding School in the capacity of a nurse." Sometimes I think that I'm not too good a nurse either, but nurse nevertheless. That in a nutshell is what I've been doing since returning from furlough.

Every moment of our lives seems full. We've had a family of nine for the past month. There is a fine little woman with her two kiddies whose husband is an R.A.F. officer without a house. They had been such nice friends to our young missionaries and we took them in for this emergency. They will leave next Monday, when the Misses Elsie E. Grove and Mary Ewing R.N. arrive to take their place. Then for the past month, until last Sabbath, we have had a Mrs. Wells of the Sudan United Mission from the Nube Mountains; she came here to await the time to have her second child. She is now in the hospital with a fine new baby. It is difficult for people to go to the Hotel where it is too expensive for the average missionary to stay long. They are fine people and a very real inspiration to us always. Miss Marian Farquhar is here with Miss Mary L. Shields and she has been a real breeze from the south.

We feel that we have had a vey fruitful week, the past days in particular. Misses Marguerite McClellan, Una Coie and I spent two days out at Gereif. We went to spy out the possibilities of making more adequate plans for the future of both the boys' and girls' schools. In the evening we helped Miss Una Coie with her class of men, teaching them the Laubach method of reading. It was so fine to finish their evening's work with a Bible story on the flannelgraph. The men are just thirsting for knowledge of anything we can teach them and listen most intently. The work there among the women and children as well as among the boys and men is so promising.

Then, we here from the school—mostly Miss McClellan and the teachers have for a little while been going two afternoons weekly to teach young women in a fine Arab village ten miles out in the desert, on invitation of the men folk. Our start was not too smooth and finally we got a letter from them asking us to teach the regular subjects, but no more Bible. Miss McClellan wrote them that we came out here because we loved the Sudanese and could not withhold teaching them that which would lead them to God. They waited for a week before doing anything. We thought perhaps that would be the end of our work there; but, no, a man came yesterday and asked us to come and to teach whatever we want. We feel that this opportunity has been opened by God alone; we did not seek it. It came and we feel that it will keep open if we are faithful and we hope to be able to carry on that work for the young women. The village is a huge one and has never had Christian teaching. It is wonderful to be able to tell the story of God's love to people who have never heard it before.

—Frances Turk, R.N.

NASIR

The clinic at Nasir feels keenly the loss of Miss Ray Huffman, R.N., from its ranks. It is realized that this loss is to the gain of the village people and the Evangelistic work, and therein is cause for rejoicing.

All those associated with the clinic are grateful and happy for the addition of Miss Jean Maxwell, M. N., to the staff. She is learning the language quickly and has already won a place deep in the hearts of the people.

This has been another busy year. Gradually the work is getting better and more efficiently organized. The four tukls for the very ill, built by special gifts, have been a great boon and more money is now on hand for about four more of these tukls. Even then the demand will be far from filled.

The need for expansion is felt keenly. More native helpers are needed and plans are being worked out with th Province Medical Inspectors at Malakal and Juba for at least the partial training of medical assistants here. Four young men now in their third year intermediate school at Atar and Luka have volunteered for this work in spite of the fact that it has been pointed out to them very clearly that they cannot expect to draw wages comparable to government-subsidized teachers of equivalent training. Two other young men still in the Nasir central school are definitely looking forward to full-time medical work and are now helping in the clinic till they will be ready to go on to the higher schools.

The realization of the fact that surfaces have only been scratched in respect to medical needs here and the evangelistic possibilities involved glare at us from every side. Long lists could be made in every direction. What little advancement has been made in the past three years is infinitesimal compared to what we long to see done.

Statistical Report
(Dr. Mary K. Smith)

Total number of patients treated	40,000
Total number of treatments	44,800
Total number of clinic days	261
Average daily attendance	153
Average daily treatments	171

Staff: 1 Doctor, 1 Registered Nurse, 4 Native Helpers.

—*Mary K. Smith, M.D.*

NASIR CLINIC

A year ago I wasn't even in the Sudan yet, but I was very near it. Today I am at Khartoum North for Association and I feel as much a part of the Mission and its work and problems as the older and much more experienced missionary. It is a heart-warming feeling.

My first year as a missionary has been—like most such years are for missionaries—a song on getting to know my situation and the factors in that situation, with a refrain on the subject of language study. Perhaps I should add that the first and last verses to my song also have to do with language study. After about eight months of study of Nuer under five different teachers, I find that I am able to converse on ordinary subjects and can hold simple Gospel services for clinic patients. The learning of a language in the South Sudan involves not only the actual sitting down of the missionary and learning what is given to her in the lessons, but she must also prepare and lead the lesson itself. Our teachers are not trained in the methods of teaching a beginner the language. We are expecting great things from Miss Cummings' visit to our station. She will undoubtedly be able to give our native teachers some valuable helps as well as aiding us young missionaries considerably.

The other part of my assignment had to do with the work in the clinic. Working with Dr. Mary K. Smith has been as near to a heavenly working situation as anyone will get on this earth. And my particular work in the eye and dressing department has been interesting and not too difficult. Lately, since we have begun our training of five or six young men, my duties have broadened out to include some teaching. This training project is the hope for our future medically and evangelistically. All of the boys are fine Christians and very nice to work with.

—*Jean Maxwell, M.N.*

DOLEIB HILL

This has been a busy year although the actual number of patients has not been so many. It is so wonderful having a doctor here at last and Dr. A. G. Roode is fast winning the confidence of the people.

Four small huts have been built for in-patients close to the clinic, put up by a consecrated group of people in Ellwood City, Pa. They have been kept in almost constant use. And we now have the whole school-boys' compound for clinic use, since their dormitories are being moved to the other end of the compound. Those who stay in our huts are usually those who have come from quite a distance and so have not heard about our Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is a great thrill to tell the Story to these, although often they cannot grasp what we try to tell them at first—about His great love for us all. By the time they have finished treatment and leave the compound most of them have at least learned to say and to sing John 3:16. We pray He keeps working in their hearts to give them a real yearning for Him.

Until we get a new building we will not have a Hospital, so-called, at Doleib Hill. The present one is cracking in floors and walls and has been considered irreparable. Perhaps in a year or two our builders will have time to put up a new one adequate for all our needs but smaller than the one we have been using.

Bwogo continues to be our faithful clinic assistant and a young girl who helps keep the rooms clean can also do some dressings now. Unfortunately she is reaching marriageable age and we will not be able to keep her much longer.

Now that we have Dr. Roode we are having many more difficult and interesting cases brought in to us. There have been sporadic cases of meningitis and many cases of cerebral malaria this past year. For some reason we are having many patients with tropical ulcers and with badly infected wounds. How thankful we are for penicillin and the sulfa drugs!

—*Mary V. Ewing, R.N.*

ATBARA

My report has had a different address every year of this term. This is my fourth home since I returned July, 1944. Atbara is on the Nile about 200 miles north of Khartoum.

Our Mission took over the schools being run by the C.M.S. (Church of England). I had been here twice to see about it and moved in August, 1947. We opened the schools with the teachers who had been teaching with the C.M.S. here. They are all local girls, all Christians but only one from our church, the others being Copts. Atbara is the biggest Coptic community in the Sudan hence the seat of the Bishop. There is an English church but it never has been a native branch of the Church of England here.

The first semester we had one of our Khartoum North girls whose specialty is physical culture and the second semester we have another who is an elementary teacher with years of experience. She is serving as a supervisor and does quite a bit of demonstration teaching. Both have served as interpreter for Miss Rosaltha Kenagy in her classes with the teachers.

The C.M.S. was greatly handicapped by lack of transportation. Our new school bus has been very popular, not only with the school children but with the people who live in this section and go to church at the other side of town with us. In fact we take quite half the congregation generally! The initial cost and probably a little of the upkeep are your gift to the people of Atbara. The fares nearly pay the upkeep and driver's wages.

There are really three schools, though we count the two here as one in most things. Just across the hedge from us is the Intermediate and Secondary. So far there are only two classes of Secondary. If we can have another short-termer by January we want to add another year and then the year following, the second one. Surely a High School education is the minimum qualification for a teacher, but we have only one with the full High School education. There seems no other way to get teachers with better training than to give it here to our own girls.

Across the street we have six classes in big rooms built for a residence but quite suitable for school rooms. We begin with the nursery class—about twenty-five four-year-olds; we have difficulty keeping out the three-year-olds. Then we have a kindergarten, not as large as we would like, but an interesting and interested class. There are also the first four grades—the Elementary school.

Across the tracks, (with very much the meaning that is attached to that expression in books at home), we have what we call the Town school. There are again nursery, kindergarten and the first three grades housed in a residence where the rooms are a new building for that school, and not at all suited to a school. We want to put it in the really native part of town. The Town school is about three-fourths Muslim and the Elementary part of this one about half and half. The Intermediate and Secondary are about three-fourths Christian, that is Coptic, for only two are from our Church.

The teaching in the homes carried on by the Bible women has been encouraging but interrupted by various things. We have had two teachers instead of the usual one and both have had almost as much as they can do.

There have been some difficult times. I don't know that they are over yet, but we do appreciate your support of us. We ask especially for your prayers as we start again in September, this time making it very clear to the parents that those who attend our schools attend also the morning prayers and the Bible classes. We want the school to be a support to the church and an evangelizing agency in the community.

Mary Jane McKnight

"Our faith is in the Christ who walks
With men today, in street and mart;
The constant friend who thinks and talks
With those who seek Him with the heart.

His Gospel calls for living men
With singing blood and minds alert;
Strong men, who fail to rise again,
Who strive and bleed, with courage girt.

God was and is and ever shall be;
Christ lived and loved and loves us still;
And man goes forward, proud and free
Christ's present purpose to fulfill."

India

The Ministry Of Preaching

ABBOTTABAD

I live in the North-West Frontier Province, and due to the disturbances I cannot write freely to give a detailed, spicy report. It is sufficient to say that the Word is being preached in the Abbottabad homes six days a week.

Mrs. Williams, a retired Bible Woman in the Mission, has been re-employed by the congregation, with some financial help from the Mission. We needed her very much and have found her ready with a solution for many of the problems concerning which we pray together day by day.

We have been kept in perfect peace because our minds have been stayed on Him. Not many nights have I gone to sleep without repeating the words of Psalm 4.8, "I will both lay me down in peace and sleep; for Thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety."

Minnie E. Beatty

ATTOCK DISTRICT

"Ask of Me and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance." We have asked, and He has given us our heart's desire this year in the many inquirers who, through long hours of study and worship, have come face to face with the question, "What have I to do with Thee, Jesus?"

Mostly because of communal trouble we have had only six weeks of village work, which has been a grief to us. Our year has been filled with teaching and preaching in the zenanas of Campbellpur, teaching our Christian community, and in reading with the many inquirers the Lord gave to us.

In the long illness of our pastor, laymen of the church took turns conducting the Sabbath service. We had classes with them to help them give form and substance to their "sermons." One man at the class one day thanked the Lord fervently that "Now we have a theological seminary in Campbellpur."

On Christmas Day our congregation, chiefly sweepers, put aside their brooms for a few hours, and dressed in their crimson, orange, green, or purple best, worshipped together at the church. Then they came to our compound to eat eighty pounds of rice cooked with spices and meat, and to play and sing together. One cute, homely, little boy, instead of saying, "May the Big Day be blessed to you," as did everyone else, said, "Miss Sahib, pants," and was thrilled to have us notice and exclaim over the first addition to a brief shirt he had ever worn.

However our days are filled, we ever think of those women living in seclusion in the hundreds of villages of our district. No prayer is heard there now except that glorifying Muhammad. Pray for the way to open for us to go soon to them with the Name of One Who hears and answers prayer.

Margaret E. Ballantyne
Helen V. Weede

BADOMALI CITY AND DISTRICT

I have lived alone and worked with able Indians most of the year. Our nine village schools, adult literacy work, and evangelistic work have not been well supervised; many local village problems have been turned back to the people themselves to settle, just because one missionary cannot be in two places at one time. It is indeed trying, and discouraging as well, to spend long hours with the reports, statistics, book-keeping, property and motor repairs, etc., for both the Foreign and Women's Boards. However, one comes to realize that this too is part of the Lord's work.

My watchman, an elder, two Bible Women and I were able to do concentrated teaching in the five Christian sections of Badomali city and in one nearby village for several months after camping was over. A large group of women and some men were taken into the church, having passed their examinations. I hope that this teaching was a help to the Christians during their dark hours of trial in August and September when their pastor became a Muhammadan. His humble, illiterate wife has not denied her Lord. The congregation has taken unprecedented interest in its own spiritual welfare, but pray that the bitterness towards the clergy may be removed, that sometime soon the people may truly desire a new shepherd.

During the summer months we accepted as many invitations as time would permit to the homes of the wealthy Hindus and Sikhs. We trust that the messages so graciously received and the Gospels so freely bought may have prepared some to meet their Maker through the blood of Jesus. Our hearts are numbered with the reports that 4000 of these people were killed in August. Dr. Hunsberger was able to send cholera vaccine to check the epidemic among Christians. The flood waters came before bodies could be burned.

The last two months we have been doing relief work with many outside helpers. We have supplied food, clothing, bedding, dishes and medical aid to over 1250 Christians in our area. These were victims of flood, riots, looting or were refugees from Hindustan. Do pray for wisdom in making and finding employment for thousands of Christians who have no means of support whatsoever.

Praise God for His protection over His own during the past months of turmoil. Pray that we may all be thankful for our daily bread and that we may trust Him completely for the tomorrows.

Laura R. MacLachlan

GUJRANWALA CITY AND DISTRICT

"I walked with laughter many a mile,
She chattered all the way,
But not a thing do I recall
Of all she had to say.

"I walked with sorrow a long, dark night.
Never a word said she,
But oh! the lessons I did learn,
When sorrow walked with me."

The accuracy of the above quotation is questionable, but the sentiment has been found accurate in many lives recently, and there has been plenty of sorrow stalking the land.

Contrary to many expectations, we have found eagerness and hunger rather than enmity for the Gospel message. As we arrived in one large village recently, a Muhammadan gentleman—a retired Police Superintendent—stepped up and said, "Ah! books! May I look at them please?" As he looked and we stated prices, he said, "I have absolutely nothing, it must be a gift." He then related the all-too-familiar story of burning, murder, and flight. He had had and treasured a Bible in his destroyed home. We had not finished talking to him when another elderly gentleman came up and said, "Ah, the Bible! I had one that I read daily, but it was burned along with all my possessions. I miss it very much. I must have this but I can pay nothing for it." There is so pitifully little that can be done, even to pretend to meet the appalling need about us these days, but that day we felt we had met this need adequately.

Christians, too, are thinking new thoughts. One group gave this heartening response, "We are not the same people we were. We have been asleep long enough, we are awake now." Of others it was said, "It used to be almost impossible to gather them together for worship, but now they have meetings every night."

May Christ's Church in Pakistan truly be awake and prepared to meet the things she is "about to suffer" and be found a faithful witness.

Louise E. Scott

THE UNITED BIBLE TRAINING CENTER, GUJRANWALA

The year brought about the consummation of plans formulated in 1944 for changing the Bible Training School into an inter-denominational institution. The actual move from Rawalpindi was made at the end of February, just before the trouble smouldering there flamed into the March riots. We did not, however, come under the new governing board until April. Our new quarters are in the Theological Seminary, where we were permitted to make any necessary alterations. Though being a builder was a completely new occupation for me, and materials were hard to get, we managed to achieve some fairly comfortable and satisfactory quarters.

The summer term included other new activities too, such as teaching the wives of Seminary students, and running a baby-fold for their babies. As project for the Psalms course, the girls prepared an interesting worship program in which the Christian women and girls of the community participated. Mr. Whitfield took pictures of the processional and recessional.

All of our activities did not suffice to take our minds off the awful tragedy being enacted in our city and throughout the Punjab. And as if that were not enough, an unprecedented drought was followed by devastating floods in September, making travel almost impossible. As a result, none of our students was able to get back before November.

Early in October I joined up with a mobile medical unit of the Christian Relief Committee, to work in Muslim refugee camps in the East Punjab. For five weeks, aside from the housekeeping for the Unit, my principal job was giving thousands and thousands of cholera inoculations. It was a privilege to have a part in that service, but what a heart-breaking task it was, knowing that we were only touching the outermost fringes of the real need.

The United Bible Training Center, like most schools, has suffered severely. Some of the missions cooperating with us are now on the other side of the border. We have only three students in boarding, but the six day-pupils help to keep things a little more interesting. School funds are tied up in the bank which has been closed for more than two months. There is much room for discouragement, yet we are not discouraged. Sometimes we can almost hear the rustling of wings, and we know God is at work. The next move is His, and we remain on the alert with our eyes on Him.

Marian T. Peterson

LYALLPUR CITY AND DISTRICT

This has been a year of new things—a new country, though I still live in the same house; a new "constituency" though we still work in the same city and villages; new jobs to do, though the old ones go right on also. For this year of the establishment of the Dominions of India and Pakistan has brought with it much of change, disruption, distress and misery multiplied.

Nearly half a million Sikhs and Hindus are gone from their homes in this district, and in their place a million new Muslim refugees have come in. We can only hope and pray that the many Sikhs and Hindus who have heard the Gospel and bought portions of it through the years that are gone, may have let the Word spring up and bear fruit.

This city and district has long been known for sales of Gospel portions, but never have they sold as in these last two months when Mrs. Ross and I have sold more than 3400. Many of these have been bought by refugees. Pray with us that many whose old foundations have been shaken may find their feet set on "that great Rock Foundation."

Lyallpur has responded very well to the appeal for bedding, clothing, and cooking utensils for the flood victims in Badomali and Zafarwal. We recently loaded the station-wagon and trailer until we had to refuse to put one more thing on the load, and took it to Gujranwala on its way to Badomali—the local contribution of Lyallpur and Sangla Hill to suffering fellow-Christians. Another load is now accumulating.

Last year I reported the opening of several village schools. Some of these have done exceptionally well this year, and I expect to ask the District Inspectress of Schools to see them and put them on the list of approved schools. This is the first step toward getting Government grant-in-aid. In one village where two factions have always refused to get together or to worship together, the school has been a unifying factor. When I visited the village recently, children from both groups were in school and I found a large representation from both in the worship service held afterward.

Frances E. Brown

PASRUR CITY AND DISTRICT

In 1947 suffering, death and fear have stalked the Punjab. Rumor has been rife. One false rumor said the Christians would be attacked when they celebrated Christmas. Christmas crowns the year and is celebrated as a religious festival. Friends are invited from other villages; singing parties are especially welcomed. All worship together and also enjoy a dinner provided by the village.

In one village the pastor's text was, "Unto you is born this day a Saviour." He emphasized our need of an ever-present Saviour. He told that in the recent disturbances young women had cried out for some one to save them from death. No one heeded. But the Lord Jesus Christ both hears and answers when we cry to Him to be delivered from sin.

The next day in another congregation we found both joy and sorrow. Quiet sorrow was in the home where the baby boy had died the day before. There are four daughters in the home, but two girls and seven boys have died in infancy! The parents and grandfather asked us to find a baby boy whom they might adopt. We sorrowed with their sorrow, but were cheered with their fortitude and faith and their desire to train and educate an orphan if they could not have a son of their own. For the Christmas service we sat in an open space between the Christians' houses and the trees at the edge of the village pond. White ducks were swimming in the pond and birds were flying among the trees. Our friends and their guests were seated in the sunshine. As we worshipped we gave thanks for these who had heeded the angels' song, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Mary Kyle

PATHANKOT CITY AND DISTRICT

Communal trouble began in this section quite early in the year. We were warned against going into the villages, so took advantage of more time for working among the four groups of low-caste Christians living here in Pathankot City. They seem to feel that it was their opportunity for real learning and many of the women and girls really were faithful enough in coming to the regular Bible classes to become interested in learning the Synod's Course of Bible lessons for the year. They love to sing and are very proud of having learned by heart the 130th Psalm which was the one appointed for memorizing this year, as it fitted in with the general subject of Faith which was the theme for the Bible lessons. Because of the trouble early in the summer we had not been out to visit the Christians for some time, so decided we would go, trouble or no. You can imagine our surprise when we went to one group and found the path full of thorn bushes and wire. When we called to the old grandmother to come and open it for us, she said, "Why have you come? Don't you know that it is not safe for you to come here? We are not allowed to leave our houses and you should not leave yours." We stayed long enough for a lesson and prayer, however. In June when Mr. McKelvey was working over in this district for a few days we were able to visit most of the villages in which Christians are living. We were away for vacation during the rioting and looting period this summer. This fall our work has had to be still different because of the very unsettled conditions throughout the city and neighborhood. All of the Muslims are gone from this section and the city and community is overflowing with Sikh and Hindu refugees from Pakistan. We have been visiting in the city among these refugees who have mostly come from Sialkot city and district and were allotted houses in the city that were previously occupied by Muslims. Many of them are very friendly and tell how they were befriended by the Christians and that it is a pleasure to listen to the Bible stories and songs. Since the refugee camp has been opened in our Mission High School and other nearby camps have been opened, our Missionary Dispensary is the medical center for the medical work among all of the women and children; so we have been working in and through the Dispensary. We find many good listeners among them and hope and pray that the Word will not all fall on untuned ears.

S. Jane Lamont
Vivian L. Trimble

SARGODHA

On New Year's Eve 1947 I arrived in Sargodha to begin the New Year and new term of service in what was for me a new station. A year later as I look backward other "news" stands out: a new country, Pakistan; new faces, with fear and hunger manifest upon them; new opportunities to proclaim the message "unto you is born . . . a Saviour"; and through it all a new realization that only in Christ Jesus can there ever be real freedom.

Adult literacy has taken on new life and in several villages there are groups being taught by young women who have studied in mission schools or, as in the case of one

Mrs. Khurshid 'Alim, wife of the Qila' Sheikhupura pastor, taken with her daughter and three girls she is teaching to read.

village, by one who herself learned to read from the Adult Primer. One girl has read six books since she began last March and is now reading in John's Gospel. In one village where I went to examine the little school, a young man came to me and said, "You did not examine me." He brought the Bible of the man who had been teaching him and opening it at Revelation read with evidence of much study. I'm not sure which was prouder, teacher or pupil.

In order to encourage those who are reading, an effort has been made through the help of friends in America to place small libraries in some of the villages. Suitable books are difficult to obtain but about 400 have been gathered to date. They have been received with much enthusiasm. The plan is to exchange these libraries from time to time.

The little school at Gilwali about which Mrs. Campbell reported a year ago, continues to be a source of great joy. Last April when the teacher planned to give harvest vacation the children appeared after a few days and demanded to be taught. These children are very proud of their school. When new mats were needed, the church took up a collection for them. As yet there is no school building, but we are hoping that our new Government will be able to meet the new situations of the new country and out of chaos will come some order and that a new school building may be provided for this faithful little group of children.

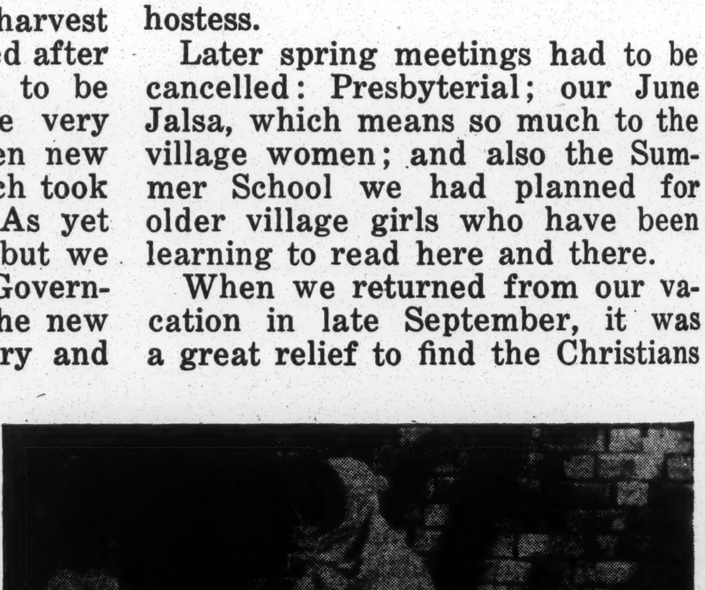
Alice G. Hill

QILA SHEIKHUPURA

Our itineration work has been sadly interfered with during the year, but during January we were able to visit some of the villages of the Home Mission field assigned to our district for supervision. We found the Christians there more interested and literate than in any part of Sheikhupura District. Foundations laid by Dr. and Mrs. Chambers, the Misses Martin and Cowden have been built on by faithful Home Mission pastors and workers. We praise God for our Home Mission field. The spring meeting of Presbytery was held in old Khangah Dogran, one of these Home Mission congregations. It was a pleasure to see the young pastor and his wife in the role of host and hostess.

Later spring meetings had to be cancelled: Presbyterial; our June Jalsa, which means so much to the village women; and also the Summer School we had planned for older village girls who have been learning to read here and there.

When we returned from our vacation in late September, it was a great relief to find the Christians



Two members of the Khangah Dogran congregation preparing unleavened bread for the members of Presbytery. Mrs. William is teaching the one on the right to read.

Rev. William of Khangah Dogran serving some of his fellow-members of Presbytery in the open court of the parsonage and church.

safe and the compound clean. Every other place around seemed to be full of refugees. The local pastor had had to leave his house in the city, in a Sikh neighborhood, and take refuge on the compound. God has been very good to us. Ours was the last train north before the flood and the last train out of Lahore. We had passed several Muslim caravans, thousands of refugees on foot, with all their wordly goods in ox-carts—all in search of safety.

There has been a refugee camp here of 10,000 or 12,000. I have been able to go to them 3 or 4 times a week with powdered milk for the weakest babies and a word of comfort and sympathy for all. Gospel portions and tracts have been sold or given away. Attempts have been made to get some of the literates to try to help others by teaching them to read. Six adult primers have been given out with instructions as to how to use them. Many think only of their miserable plight. Pray that some may come to know the joy and peace that Christ alone can give.

Margaret J. Fehlman

SHEIKHUPURA

This year has been marked by many encouragements, as well as discouragements in the work. Some of the Christians are as little babes in Christ, and hold to many superstitions. A grandmother very proudly brings her wee grandson, but alas! there is a cord tied around the baby's neck, on which is tied two copper coins, a piece of leather, small pieces of iron, and a piece of dry bone. The grandmother assures me that the blacksmith had put it around the baby's neck, and it had no special meaning, but immediately another Christian woman says, "It is to keep sickness away from the baby." Just then the young mother joined us, and I talked with them about God's gift to them, His love and care for the baby. At once the mother took the cord off her baby's neck. She gave me the cord with the charms, so she would not be tempted to put it on again. I gave her two coppers for the two which were on the cord. She was so happy and said, "Now I have two coppers, and can buy a Gospel portion." She could not read, but said she would have some one read to her.

The last time we called on one of the blind women of our city congregation she said, "Time and again friends and relatives have wanted me to put a cord or charm from a fakir around my head, but I objected and told them that if God wants me to see again He will heal me, but I did not want any charms." One day she was very restless and felt that there was something wrong, and said, "I'm sure some one has tied a charm near me." She discovered it was tied to her hair and made them take it out and destroy it. She said, "My faith is in Christ, not in cords and charms."

We need your prayers for wisdom to rightly divide our time and strength, to see the opportunities to help not only the Christians, but also the Muslim women who come into our midst and who know not the Saviour.

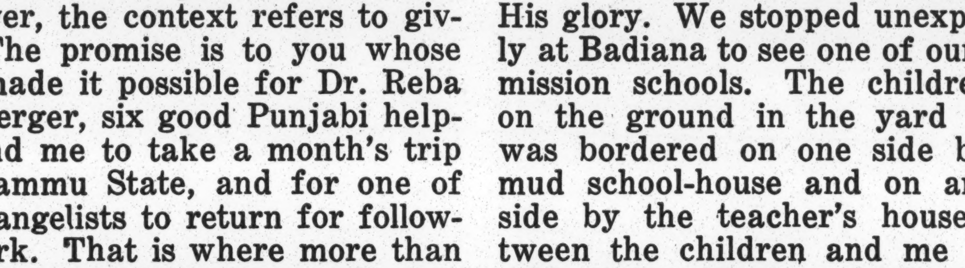
Betsy W. Fleming

SIALKOT and ZAFARWAL DISTRICTS

"He which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully," I quoted, thinking of our having sold about 1300 Bible portions this year. However, the context refers to giving. The promise is to you whose gifts made it possible for Dr. Reba Hunsberger, six good Punjabi helpers, and me to take a month's trip into Jammu State, and for one of our evangelists to return for follow-up work. That is where more than half of the portions were sold. Immanuel, the evangelist, had the courage to go back alone not knowing the dangers ahead. After August 15, we could send him no money. He sold his watch and blanket, and shut in a room for fear, he lived on parched grain and water five days. When the fighting started he was in a village where there were no Christians. A Hindu took him into his own home and shared his food with him for several days, and learned more of the Good News. I wonder if he knew that Immanuel was from the untouchables. People heard the Gospel from us for the first time, and maybe for the last time. Since we were there many lives have been lost. Because of the Word some may have been saved, the Word you sowed.

SCHOOLS

God often uses weak vessels for His glory. We stopped unexpectedly at Badiana to see one of our little mission schools. The children sat on the ground in the yard which was bordered on one side by the mud school-house and on another side by the teacher's house. Between the children and me a hen with little chirping chickens kept running back and forth. The yard adjoining was for the buffalo. Grace,



Bhodi Women's Missionary Society on Thank Offering Day. Notice the offerings of grain in their hands. At the left is the pastor's wife.

Mrs. William, hostess to Lylallpur Presbytery meeting in Khangah Dogran, at her serving table.

the least trained of our five women teachers, has two little children of her own to watch as she teaches this school. She is more interested in making money on the side than in her school and so is not earning her salary of $7.00 a month, but if the school were closed the girls would have no chance of an education. One Christian girl from here is now a teacher in our Girls' Boarding School. We believe that many of the children from the Christian community have come to know Christ in the Badiana School.

A girl from the depressed classes in this school wanted to become a Christian. We could not baptize her for she was not of age. Later she moved to Sargodha where she was baptized with her mother's consent.

Two lovely Sikh girls who passed the 4th grade in Grace's school said that they were trusting in Jesus for salvation. One continued to read the Bible and to pray daily in the name of Jesus. She sought baptism last July, but since she was not of age this could not be done without her parents' consent. When the communal trouble started, this Sikh girl had been staying with Grace for a time. When forced to leave she wept, saying, "I will surely return if I can." We do not know whether she is alive, captive or free. But no one is able to pluck her out of our Father's hand.

Theresa I. Brownlee

GURDASPUR, INDIA

The disturbances of the past year have made some definite changes in our work here in Gurdaspur. Perhaps the fact that we have had to search for new methods has been an agency for progress in some ways.

The small city, having been filled to overflowing with military personnel, gave new opportunities for selling Bibles and portions. All three of our Mission houses and compounds were literally packed with officers and troops.

Christian soldiers and some non-Christians too, in the evenings filled the courtyard of the home of our Bible women and as long as permitted sang Psalms, hymns, read, heard and discussed Scripture. One officer was reported to have said: "I fear my company will become a Theological Seminary instead of a Training Center."

The exchange of inhabitants from one dominion to the other has brought hardships and sufferings but with it has come to Gurdaspur many families of old friends from Zafarwal District, into whose homes I went in my first two terms of service in India.

These now turn to me in a new way, seeking help in finding relatives, hunting employment and in searching for clothing, bedding and food. Some have said: "If we had only accepted Christ then we might have been saved all of this hardship."

None of us can say how long we may be favored with more love than was our Saviour while upon earth. We do give thanks that many of His followers today are filling responsible positions in civil, military and Government work and the Father's glory is being revealed through many.

After some years of insistence from the more well-to-do, that a misison school for the teaching of English be established, we have yielded. Our school so far has less than twenty pupils but these get the Gospel teaching in song, story and class work.

In answer to the question: "What do you enjoy most in our school?" one little lad replied "This little chair I sit on." Another answered: "The sweets and balloons we get." Then a little girl said: "We learn to be neat and good." More than one mother has remarked: "We want our children in mission school because your teaching is better." So we are assured that our work still has a place in India.

Many old paths may seem closed for a time but the Lord has new paths to be opened up for His glory. May we help to keep them open until He comes again to tread these paths with us.

Georga Wengert

The Ministry Of Teaching

SANGLA HILL

The joyous Christmas season has left such a flood of happiness in our hearts that during the New Year we should be able to sing a new song to the Lord every day, a song not new to Him, but new to us because we realize better His love and goodness.

Because of the difficulties of travel we had no Christmas vacation this year. Girls and teachers stayed and all helped each other to make one of the happiest Christmas seasons I can remember. On Christmas, Santa Claus in person visited every one of the five cottages and with the help of Mrs. Santa Claus presented each girl with a gift from America. The bigger girls received beautiful dolls kept in reserve for just such a time as this; and every one of the younger ones had something nice too. We didn't have to buy a single thing, which certainly was a blessing, for most of Sangla Hill's stores were either looted or closed and you can't buy much here now. Once again we had reason to remember the loving generosity of the Juniors and Women of the Missionary Societies at home, who have through the years remembered us.

Sugar is scarce and ready-made candy very expensive, so the Domestic Science teacher had her 8th class girls make a big batch of molasses taffy with cocoanut in it, and was it good! The girls cooked their own Christmas dinner, and we all ate together out on the lawn about five o'clock, 112 girls and 12 teachers.

During the summer term we had 180 girls in the Boarding School, and it is hard to get used to having so few now. But we are thankful that 112 were able to get back, and perhaps it is just as well they are fewer, since supplies are hard to get. To even things we have been made glad by a new influx of boys and girls as day pupils. In these evil days many Christian parents are beginning to realize their folly in not educating their children.

We wanted to admit some of the girls who were unable to get back to Pathankot and help them to go on with their English education. Dozens were anxious to come but up to the present we have not been able to get suitable teachers for them. We may be able to co-operate with other Missions in carrying on a High School for girls in Pakistan. We still have to feel our way slowly.

During the year two teachers have left us for homes of their own and one has heard the Master's "Well done, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Two of our own girls have come back as trained teachers to take up the service others laid down in their loved school. When it was suggested that we might be able to find suitable buildings in Lyallpur now and have the school moved there, the teachers said to me, "Please tell the Mission that we don't mind the saltpetre here, we like Sangla!" *And so do I!*

M. Lois Boyd

SIALKOT CITY,

Girls' Boarding School

No year was ever like this! It has given more surprises than usual in God's blessed provisions for Christians in India. We have had an abundance of food and every needed thing. Across the road from us the factories and homes were looted and burned for hours while our men stood along the low school wall and quietly kept mobbing crowds from setting fire to and entering our place. In the March riots we had permanently closed all gates but one, and that stood open as always. The Father's care was over the compound and not a hair of a head was touched. On the hills we missionaries, and you at home, prayed earnestly, and Indian Christians were kept.

Miss Edith Williams went to Simla for her holiday and was detained five months with no way to come to Pakistan until both Dominions evacuated school and college students. She arrived for Christmas, rejoicing with us in her return as to her own home. In January she has not yet seen her father, Rev. W. T. Williams, since he came from the U.S.A. He lives in India.

Our school opened on time in the fall, and little by little girls came as news trickled to villages that we were at work. Villagers had begun to believe that missionaries had gone to America, for we were detained so long in our vacation places. When we returned the school came to be considered a refuge for our big Christian girls at a time when parents felt the girls unsafe in villages near the border of Pakistan and India.

Victoria, our youngest and wee-est, was brought very late by her grandfather. With his big, stout body, laughing brown eyes, and long white hair and beard, he is exactly like Santa Claus. An evangelist where-ever he goes, this old saint works at many jobs to support himself. The precious two had walked many miles to get here, and I doubt not, he had often carried the little mite on his big shoulder, for she had been ill with fever and was looking pale and thin. Some tonic for her appetite and extra milk, with our good routine, has quickly made a difference.

Christmas holidays were fun for the 135 who could not go home in these ugly times. We did not have gifts, but each day some "surprise" to eat was given, and many happy events kept all interested for six days.

Twice a week Staff members have gone to the Muslim refugee camp across the city to help the Memorial Hospital Staff in their service for the thousands of destitutes passing through their hands. We have seen the essence of misery in this sad land, and it makes us feel selfish to be warm and well fed. These conditions have spurred us to efforts with our hands, to knit and sew 350 garments for the needy. It has been good for our girls to have a share in such service. Never were missionaries of Christ more needed and *wanted* than now.

Eva M. Hewitt

ABBOTTABAD

Just after I returned from America in 1946, it was decided that our school here should be continued as a primary school only, and that classes 5 to 8 should be closed, since there were four other schools in the city where the children could attend those classes. This decision was carried out in spite of strong protests from our patrons. This made a great change in the school. Our fourth-class children seemed to grow up at once. Were they not the leaders in the school now?

This is a cantonment center where a number of regiments are stationed. Hindu and Sikh regiments were transferred to India because of the division into two Dominions, taking with them many of our precious children. Then the communal trouble broke out and all the other Hindu and Sikh children left with their parents. Now we are getting Muslim children to take their places. It is still such a nice school. Our school has been open all summer and fall when other parts of Pakistan were so disturbed. We sent the children home quickly one day during a trying time, but the doors were open again two days later. I wish you might have listened to our Christmas program.

We have two beautiful Chinese girls in our first class, named Leefe and Lingo. They are very popular among the children. This is the only Chinese family left in Abbottabad. The father is a very prosperous shoemaker and has a shop full of beautiful shoes. When I get these children into our S.S. and church services I shall be happy. I asked the father to send them but I fear he did not comprehend my meaning. They are Christians but do not attend the Christian church here, because they do not understand the language. A missionary who knew their language visited them a few years ago on her way home from China. We have three Junior Missionary Societies in our school, which meet each week.

Minnie E. Beatty

SIALKOT CITY,

Atari Basti School

This lighthouse in Sialkot City's old Jubilee Church and compound has burned brightly. By the help of Indian and American gifts a house was built for a watchman. A Christian family has been living there since May, so now unpleasant passers-by do not come in and break locks, deface walls, misuse the pump and grounds. The young men of the church in that section have their netball court there and use it evenings. Several banana trees are flourishing and the children delight in the flower beds for which they are responsible.

In this place a most impressive early Easter morning service is conducted each year, the large crowd from all the city churches being seated on mats in the open air.

On the day of the Christmas pageant it rained. I went on my bicycle through the mud and rain, expecting to be a lone attendant. The church was full of school mothers and friends, and a good number of Muslim neighborhood children and women, to see the "Story" enacted remarkably well by children up to the fifth grade.

It is encouraging to know that this year the Sialkot Congregation gave its first grant to the school in token of support of this live and useful community service. *Eva M. Hewitt*

PATHANKOT, INDIA

Avalon High School

"As thy days so shall thy strength be." This promise has come to mean much more than ever to me in these months since I have returned from furlough. I dreaded being alone in the school after Miss Vida J. Graham left; but had I known all that was going to happen, I fear I would never have dared even attempt it. However, God has been faithful and no harm was allowed to come to any of the property here, though there was rioting and looting all around while I was in Kashmir on vacation. A British officer who was here during that time told us that our stock must be high in the town or the property would have been looted when everything else was. We are very thankful that we hold such a high place in their esteem but we know that it was God who protected all.

Sheila

Muntaz

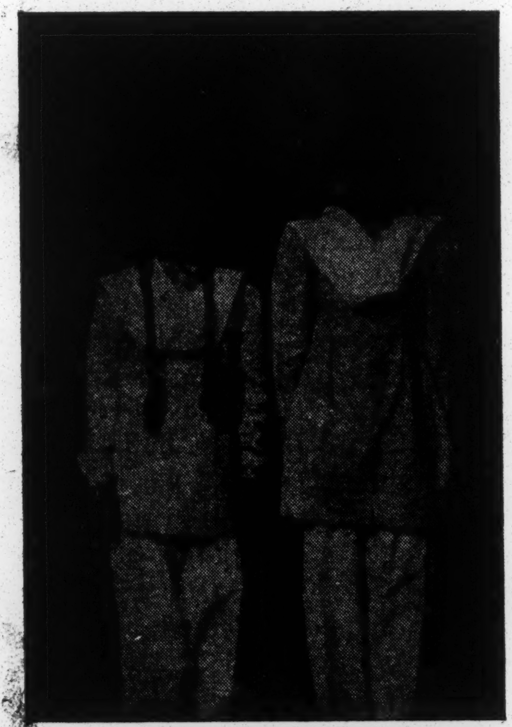
The refugee problem has been enormous and it has been hard to know how to help and yet not allow the property to be ruined by using it indiscriminately for transient refugees. We opened school October 8, but were only allowed to continue for about two months, for the Government passed an order closing all the high schools and colleges in East Punjab until February 29. We hated to close, but had no choice. Some of the pupils wept. Government wanted to put 8,000 or 9,000 refugees in the school. When with difficulty we care for 130 boarders you can imagine with even half that number what the place would be like in a day. I made a hurried trip to Gurdaspur to see the Deputy Commissioner, to try to persuade him not to put so many in here and to make provision for sanitation. This the Government did, but not until about 650 refugees had been in here for a week.

Now there are over 1,000 in the school and over 14,000 in all the schools in Pathankot. Our whole staff has been working hard trying to keep things in control. Rations for all the camps are given out from our school. Twelve big bales of used clothing arrived last week from

Church World Service. What a boon that was! Our teachers have been very busy making over garments to give out to the most needy. All who have sent things would be amply repaid if they could see the children as they come in filthy rags and go away with at least one clean garment and a happy smile. Vitamin tablets and milk from the same source have also been much appreciated. The teachers have had classes in knitting, sanitation, and many other things. Girls and teachers have knit 50 pounds of wool into sweaters for the refugees.

We hear that the schools are to open the middle of February instead of the first of March. How we wish all of our girls could get back from Pakistan! We sincerely hope the differences between the two Dominions will soon be settled and normal conditions established. Until that time we are praying earnestly that the necessary funds may be provided so that this school may continue, though provision must be made in Pakistan for the high school education of Christian girls there. The people here want us, and we and our Indian co-workers long to carry on and continue to spread the Gospel to the Sikhs and Hindus through the Bible teaching in the school, and to care for the Christian girls on this side of the border.

Willa M. Ramsey



Tari Bai and Omal Kumari

PASRUR,

Girls' Boarding School

Work was carried on as usual the first half of the year, with 170 boarders and 200 day-pupils. The twelve 8th-class girls who went up for the Government examinations were all successful. Rev. Samuel of the One-by-One Band of South India spent a week with us holding special meetings for the teachers and girls, which proved very helpful. Twenty-two girls united with the church during the year.

We set September 20 for the opening of school in the fall, but owing to the disturbances I was not able to get down from the hills until September 29. There had been two groups of refugees in the school and compound, numbering 9,000 and 12,000 respectively. Their oxen, cows, horses, goats and one camel had been tied to trees, shrubs and rosebushes, much to the detriment of the two latter. The vegetables, sugarcane and kaffir-corn were gone. The ground was so hard it had to be plowed four times before it could be planted. It has done wonderfully well, so that we had cauliflower, Indian radishes and spinach in about six weeks' time.

School opened October 6 with 20 girls and 4 teachers. The girls came in slowly because communications were broken, and now number 130. Some had heard that the school was burned to the ground. All teachers returned by the end of November, except the blind teacher who had gone to the School for the Blind in

Rajpur, India, for the summer holidays. We hope she may soon return so that the blind children can come back from the villages.

The girls and teachers had a busy two weeks making up new material and re-making many old garments for flood-victims in Badomali District. The flood came in the night and people escaped only with their lives. Five hundred Christian families were among these.

R. Jean Black

LYALLPUR

Our school, like all others, had a disrupted year. The disturbances of the summer meant a much longer vacation than usual, but the teachers came back toward the end of October, and gradually the children came back to school. Now we have as many as we did last year, about half Christian and half Muslim. Through the years we have had Muslim rather than Sikh and Hindu children in this school, so we have not lost many because of the political unrest and displacement.

Last year we received the highest grant-in-aid we have ever had from Government. At the Annual Inspection the Inspectress seemed very much pleased with the school and wrote unusually good remarks in the "log book" and on the certificates of the teachers. We very much regret the recent death of this Christian Inspectress.

At Christmas time the children not only had their own School program but showed a Nativity pageant on the Sabbath School program also. The usual treat was omitted this year, and the money is being given instead to the collection the Bluebirds are making for the Qaid-i-Azam Fund for the relief of refugees. When I talked to the children about this, they agreed that it would be better to give to those who had nothing this year, all except one honest little soul who said, "No indeed! I want the treat myself!" Was she a whit different from those in the church at home who fail to respond to the need and hunger of the world today?

Frances E. Brown

GUJRANWALA,

City Girls' School

The Indian Head-mistress has written the following report:

"This school is the oldest one in Gujranwala Town. All communities receive education here. All the girls take an active part in the morning prayers. The cooking classes have no communal restriction but cook together and enjoy sampling each other's cooking.

"The recent communal disturbances have robbed us of all our Hindu and Sikh girls but the deficiency is gradually being made up by the enrollment of refugee girls. We are thankful that the school building did not share the fate of many other buildings in the neighborhood during the reign of terror and arson.

"Bible is being taught regularly and the girls take an interest in it.

"The untimely death of Miss Piyari Kalu Mall, Assistant Mistress of this school, on January 28 was a great shock to the staff and the school. We are sorry to lose her, as she was a faithful and an honest worker and had a very good influence on the children and had their spiritual good at heart. We have indeed suffered a great loss.

"Under the rule of Pakistan Government we observe half-holiday on Fridays instead of Saturdays."

R. Karm Din

RAWALPINDI,

City Girls' School

We have suffered from the vicissitudes common to all institutions in this country during the year. After three months' holiday, we were the first girls' school to open in September, with only five members of the staff present. The attendance was low at first but we have an enrolment now of 363 girls, of whom 48 are Christians.

The big event of the year has been the acquisition of a building formerly occupied by the Dev Samaj Girls' School and requisitioned for us in September. This building is larger than the old one and much better furnished and has the decided advantage of adjoining the College Campus where the teachers live, so that it is no longer necessary for the teachers to walk through the bazaar going to and from school. Mrs. Samuel has moved into the very satisfactory quarters for the Head Mistress. Though the building was requisitioned for us early in September, we were not able to move into it until December because it was occupied by refugees for two and one-half months and after their departure much time was required for cleaning and repairing. On December 13 we had an opening dedicatory service in which each class took part by reading or reciting portions of the Bible or by singing sacred songs. Mrs. Stewart, Miss Hakim Khan, Mrs. Ponsonby and I gave brief messages. Many mothers and old students were present and no one of them could have gone home that day without a better idea of the meaning of CHRISTIAN education. This larger building, with its court, verandahs and roof space, makes it possible for large gatherings, and at Christmas we had approximately two hundred visitors.

For relief work the school purchased wool and knit 120 sweaters for little children, and have also sewed 48 garments.

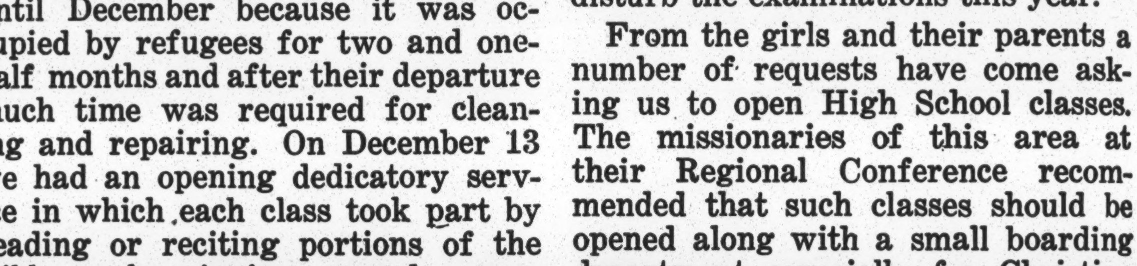
Our financial condition is not as good as we should like because of added expenses involved in the change of buildings and also because grant-in-aid has not been paid in full to date.

In the middle examination, results were only 69% pass. Four of the girls failed and two did not appear for certain required subjects. We are glad to report that those who failed have joined this year's class and are appearing again for the examinations. We hope there will be no communal or political trouble to disturb the examinations this year.

From the girls and their parents a number of requests have come asking us to open High School classes. The missionaries of this area at their Regional Conference recommended that such classes should be opened along with a small boarding department especially for Christian girls.

We give thanks for God's guidance and protecting care during a year fraught with tragedy and sorrow. That we have been spared to continue this work at the school is a challenge to greater service and deeper consecration.

(Mrs. D. E.) Martha P. Alter



The Ministry Of Healing

PATHANKOT, INDIA

In the beginning of 1947 a new Bible Woman came to Elliott Dispensary. She has been faithful in all her duties and has made many new friends among the city women. In June we accepted the Doctor's resignation and carried on with the help of a Compounder. Our attendance was very good. While we were closed for our holiday, our city went through the crisis other cities of the Punjab experienced. As we are south of the Ravi River this section went to India. The population now is Sikh and Hindu; the Muslims had to leave. When I returned from my vacation, it was like coming to a new country. What devastation we did see! Elliott Dispensary was opened to serve the refugees coming from Pakistan. What horrible tales they told of treatment received as they fled for their lives! It was pitiful to see them, they had only what was on their backs. The Compounder left at the end of September but the Avalon High School nurse helped and we have treated hundreds of patients. As the year was closing a huge refugee camp was opened with Elliott Dispensary as the Medical Center. Daily we have opportunities to witness for Christ. The message of love and peace is given to group after group as they wait their turn for medical care. We are fortunate in having the help of Dr. Jackson from the Canadian Mission for four days of each week. We are thankful we can be of service to these poor, needy people. Many were rich and have lost all their wealth, so have nothing, being dead spiritually. Pray for all these refugees that God will be their refuge and strength and that our Dispensary may be used of Him to give forth healing to both soul and body.

S. Jane Lamont

SARGODHA

We asked a man who came to call the doctor to attend his younger brother's wife if anyone from his village had ever been to our hospital. He answered, "No, we have never been here, but we will come, for we like the way you treat us."

One day when we were selling Scripture portions to men who sit on benches while their women folk are being treated, we met a man who said he was a graduate of Dublin University, a high-up army officer. I asked him if he had met real Christian people in Europe and he mentioned two very prominent groups who had had a great influence on his life. He said, "I was reared a Muslim, but I am a Christian." He seemed hungry for Christian fellowship and took an English Bible. We have had further opportunity to minister to his lovely young wife who is also friendly to Christianity.

A woman who took a portion of Scripture home said she would ask her brother-in-law to read it to her, but he said, "This is the Christian's book. If you want to hear it read go back to the Mission Hospital." And she has been coming, seemingly only to hear the Bible stories.

Our clinic and hospital work have kept us busy for most of the year. Our fees were very good and we sold a great many portions the earlier part of the year, but the last three months have been very difficult. We had very few in-patients, although the number of clinic patients has kept up. Our fees fell off greatly, and American money did not come through for three months. Still God supplied our needs. Once we had to go to Lahore to get our money and to buy drugs not available here.

The past month our hospital

started caring for refugee patients. We were able to get a good supply of powdered milk. These refugees are so different from our old Muslims, but open to the Gospel message. They are half-starved and almost naked when they arrive, and some die of pneumonia or starvation before we can help them.

Our Bible teacher was stranded in India where she had gone to visit. She appeared a few days ago after an absence of three months. Constant prayer was offered for her return.

Our Compounder was married in August and we have just now secured a very fine Christian girl who relieves me of the great burden of compounding medicines and sets me free for other tasks.

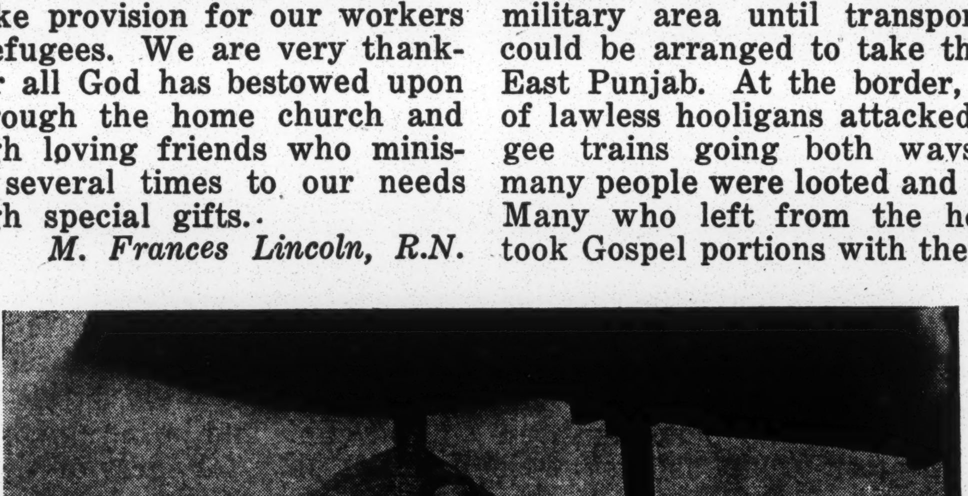
Increased appropriations and salaries enable us to continue the struggle against exceedingly high prices. A box of used clothing enabled us to make provision for our workers and refugees. We are very thankful for all God has bestowed upon us through the home church and through loving friends who ministered several times to our needs through special gifts.

M. Frances Lincoln, R.N.

SIALKOT

During the dry, hot month of August the once busy, peaceful city of Sialkot suddenly became a place of fear and chaos. Innocent unsuspecting people were attacked and stabbed, houses were fired without warning, and the nights were lit up with uncontrolled flames. For three weeks no one went outside the hospital gates without a special permit. One day I was called to see a Muhammadan patient during curfew hours. I went through a dead city, accompanied by a policeman with fixed bayonet. Through barred windows along the way I could see people peeping out. At one house a hand was suddenly thrust out and waved, and a voice called, "Salaam! I am very glad to see you, and to know you are safe and still here with us."

When the Hindus and Sikhs fled, refugee camps were opened in the military area until transportation could be arranged to take them to East Punjab. At the border, bands of lawless hooligans attacked refugee trains going both ways, and many people were looted and killed. Many who left from the hospital took Gospel portions with them and



The Medical Unit from Memorial Hospital, Sialkot, attending the Muslim Refugee Camp in Sialkot.

asked for our prayers to help them along the way. Letters come back thanking us and saying, "I know your prayers have saved us." May they believe on the Christ in whose Name we prayed!

There have been incidents of confession of spiritual need among the refugees and of the acceptance of Christ. One Hindu woman's experience has been a great joy to us. It is the "conclusion" to a story I have written before. For several years we have gone to her home on special invitation to give the Gospel message to a large group of her friends and neighbors. This Hindu woman accepted Christ as Teacher, but never as Saviour. Last August she brought her niece into the hospital for a Caesarean operation. They were both in the hospital when the storm of rioting broke out. All her people fled, but she refused to go until her niece was well. During those days her eyes were opened and her heart filled with joy in the knowledge that Christ was really her Saviour. I told her that we had been praying for her for five years. She said, "Yes, I know, and now God has answered." We gave her a Hindu Bible. They left in September on a refugee train, and three months later I received a letter saying that she had arrived safely but that all the luggage had been lost along the way, even her Bible. Pray that God will use her to bring many into the Kingdom.

Turning to our Muslim refugees among whom we work these days, we see the same sense of fear and insecurity. They have seen and experienced the utmost of suffering. We are thankful that our preaching among them in the hospital has not been hindered. They need all that we can give them both spiritually and physically.

Due to the flight of our rich patients who were mostly Hindus and Sikhs, our fees have dropped to a seriously low level. Refugees are treated and fed free. The Muslim League has helped us with food rations, and has issued medicines when they could. The Christian Relief Committee has been a wonderful help. They have sent plasma and sulfa drugs. It was certainly God's hand that provided us with powdered milk and total vitamins in May from the Inter-church Famine Relief Committee of America.

So in the midst of disaster, death, and disease, the Light shines forth. The signs are now that we may go on, and help to bring truth and order and the peace of Christ to this troubled land. Your prayers in the home-

Refugees admitted to Memorial Hospital, Sialkot. Blankets and clothing were donated to them.

land are, at this crucial time, our greatest need and our chief support in holding the fort for Christ on this new frontier.

Reba C. Hunsberger, M.D.

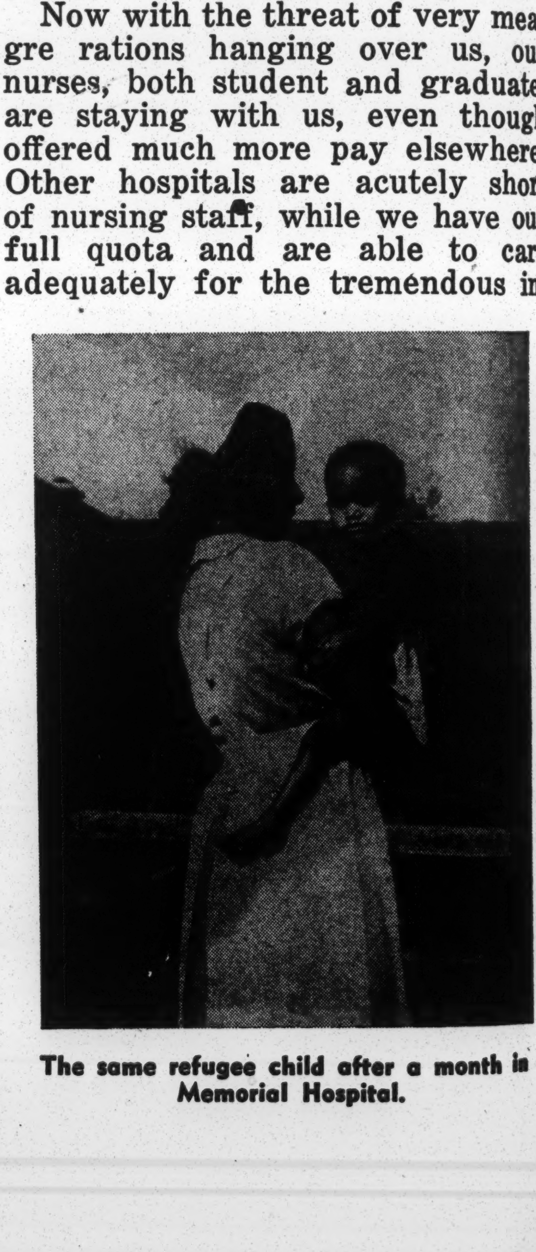
SIALKOT TRAINING SCHOOL

After almost twenty months alone with the responsibility of the Training School, it was a thrill to see Glendine Lundquist stepping out of a tonga one sweltering August afternoon. She came in the midst of the communal disturbances, when we were having 24-hour curfew, and no trains, busses, or wheels of any sort were moving. Her arrival was a miracle! For days no trains had been running because of massacres in them, derailments, and shooting of engineers. She was able to get reservations on the first train through from Bombay. Our 24-hour curfew, which had been on for six days, was lifted for two hours just at the time her train was due in Sialkot. The *Lord* knew how much we needed her at that crucial time, and HE sent her. Indeed, she had only one week's notice in U.S.A. to catch her boat. All her luggage had to be left behind to be brought by missionaries sailing later. Her arrival was so timely that she was able to give eight weeks of concentrated teaching to our classes going up for examinations, with such good results that all 14 students passed.

Because we admitted Hindu as well as Muslim patients, the hospital was broken into three times by Muslim rascals, for the purpose of killing Hindus. Twice they were frightened away before any damage could be done, the third time they nicked a Christian patient (by mistake) with a dagger before being ousted. Those were frightful days, but how proud we were of our nurses for the way they stood up during the emergency, even though quaking inside.

Now with the threat of very meagre rations hanging over us, our nurses, both student and graduate, are staying with us, even though offered much more pay elsewhere. Other hospitals are acutely short of nursing staff, while we have our full quota and are able to care adequately for the tremendous in-

A refugee child from the camp, after a two months' trek from East Punjab.



The same refugee child after a month in Memorial Hospital.

flux of refugee patients. The Inspector General of all Hospitals in Pakistan said ours was the best staffed under his jurisdiction, and requested that we train and supply nurses for other hospitals.

Another cause for much rejoicing is the addition to our nursing staff of Elizabeth H. Turner, R.N., who is busy with language study.

Evelyn M. McKelvey, R.N.

TAXILA

MEDICAL RELIEF UNITS

This has been a year in which many of us have learned that God teaches His children to sing in, and because of, the darkness. Verily, "He giveth songs in the night."

In March communal strife, with its attendant horrors, sadness and fear, caught Taxila in its grip, and continued to hold it until recently. We, in Taxila Hospital, are working with the Muslim refugees in this section. A medical group goes out to Wah Camp daily, about nine miles away. The seriously ill patients are brought into the hospital.

It is from the Lord Jesus Christ that we learn both the appeal of crowds and the value of the individual. His heart went out to the multitudes, and his help was never withheld from one individual. Today, in our ministry to the thousands at Wah Camp, we are also interested in each individual who comes for admission to the hospital.

A boy of three years was admitted with sunken eyes, shallow respirations, and a cold, clammy body. We decided the child was blind. He was reported to the nurse as one of five probable deaths for that night. Great care was given to the "probables," because we know well, "Jab tak sans, tak tak as." (While there is life there is hope.) Within ten days "unknown baby boy" became Joseph. His eyes opened, lovely eyes; his cheeks filled out, and on Christmas Day when he received a doll, some candy, and an orange, the first broad grin appeared. He proudly repeated his memory verse for that day, "God is love."

Day by day the faithful Taxila staff, many of whom have worked here over twenty years, relieve the distressed, comfort and provide for the sick and needy. Their living testimony is irrefutable, and hardened hearts in this vast area are softening. Twenty-five years of work in Taxila has not been in vain!

"O God, my soul solicits every
blessing,
Thy cross to bear; Thy perfect
will to do;
That in this life the world might
see Thee, Saviour,
Might call me 'Christian,' Lord,
and find it true."

Elizabeth F. McConnell, R.N.

RELIEF MEDICAL UNITS

Who would have guessed that such great changes could take place within a year! Nowadays the care of the sick is mixed with added pathos when the "usual" sicknesses are only the underlying layer beneath piles of misery and destitution, produced by floods, lootings, migration, and life in a series of open or transitory and make-shift camps. Permeating their physical impoverishment are the sorrows of the loss of loved ones, memories of horrors of killings before their eyes, fear of separation from family and friends left to them, weakness from hunger and starvation, and finally loss of hope for the future. God can multiply and enhance the little good we can do for them, as He did with the five loaves and the two fishes.

I went with the first Christian medical unit delegated from Pakistan to Hindustan to give cholera injections over there to Muhammadans in refugee camps. Since all in the one Muhammadan medical unit who went first did not return, they refused to send any more Muhammadan units. We saw overwhelming need. Our inoculation of 17,000 out of 120,000 seemed so inadequate. Our improvised dispensaries attempted to dispense a few needed medicines. In that area there were no hospitals open to Muhammadans.

The details of this story of Resham were supplied by one of our district missionaries. This Christian village woman was brought in by this missionary, in shock and apparently hopeless. Repeated expensive injections, several blood transfusions, and much other treatment finally brought strength to her body. Meanwhile, her daughter who had stopped school to look after the smaller children, began teaching adults to read, first in another village and then in her own. Back in the village, Resham's husband, who with great difficulty had been persuaded to give her his blood, boasted of his sacrifice for his wife.

The words of the prophet Isaiah have come to mean more to me these months while I have been working in the Refugee Camps than ever before. The purpose of Christ's coming has been emphasized. He came, "to preach good tidings . . . to bind up the brokenhearted . . . to proclaim liberty . . . to comfort all that mourn."

I have never seen such sorrow and suffering in all my life. It all came about when India received her freedom and was partitioned on August 15, 1947.

The exchange of populations involving over 8 million people gave rise to staggering problems. The roads were congested everywhere. Literally, human rivers were flowing along the highways. Many died of exhaustion and hunger and exposure. Some had marched hundreds of miles. Thousands upon thousands of these destitute, homeless, sick, and diseased people were herded into Refugee Camps where conditions were appalling! The stench of unburied bodies and of dead animals along the highways almost overcame one! Epidemics of cholera and smallpox and dysentery have been raging. It was into these Refugee Camps where from 50,000 to 160,000 are packed that the Medical Relief Units were sent. I have been working in such a unit since my arrival in India.

The work has consisted of giving many thousands of cholera inoculations; also vaccinating thousands to protect them against smallpox, and establishing an isolation hospital to prevent the spread of the disease. The feeding and bathing of these patients has been a part of the work, along with giving out medicines, clothing, and blankets, and establishing milk depots where mothers and under-nourished children may receive free milk, made from the powdered milk from other countries.

Helen C. Sharp, M.D.

An Outdoor Refugee Camp. Here Convalescents are receiving care.

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1928, Buffalo, N. Y.	Mrs. R. Francis Hall	Des Moines
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1934, Steubenville, Ohio	Mrs. Chas. W. Fulton	Allegheny
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1888, Miss Sallie McDowell, Xenia
1889, Mrs. R. T. Elliott, Philadelphia
1890-1906, Mrs. Mary W. Porter, Monongahela
1906-1917, Mrs. J. T. Logue, Cleveland
1917-1942 Miss Lillian M. Robertson, Chicago
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1884, Miss Maggie Wylie, Monmouth
1885, Mrs. S. G. Crabbe, Xenia
1886-1904, Miss E. J. Sloan, Monongahela
1904-1941, Mrs. J. B. Hill, Monongahela
1941-1942 Mrs. Harriet S. Boobyer, Monongahela
1942- Mrs. Samuel E. Baird, Allegheny

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*1886-1932	Mrs. H. C. Campbell
*1886-1887	Mrs. Wm. Edie
*1886-1909	Mrs. J. B. Herron
*1886-1887	Mrs. E. W. Hill
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*1900-1917	Mrs. Samuel Yourd
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1901-1902	Mrs. W. R. Wilson
*1901-1941	Mrs. J. B. Hill
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*1909-1912	Mrs. Susan McNall Herriott
1908-1918	Mrs. R. C. Morton
*1909-1944	Mrs. Wm. S. Cook
*1910-1941	Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson
*1911-1915	Miss Jennie Clark
*1912-1926	Mrs. John S. Crawford
1912-	Miss Ida B. Little
1912-1928	Mrs. I. H. Milliken
*1912-1913	Mrs. J. W. Harsha
*1913-1923	Miss Carrie M. Reed
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1914-1917	Mrs. Maurice Trimble
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1909-1913	Miss E. D. Brown
1913-1915	Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter
1915-1915	Mrs. H. C. Campbell
1915-1917	Mrs. Samuel Yourd
1917-1944	Mrs. J. D. Sands
1944-1946	Mrs. O. H. Milligan
1946-	Mrs. J. M. Heagen

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1890-1891	Miss E. D. Brown	Mrs. J. B. Herron
1891-1893	Mrs. Eliza J. McPherson	Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter
1893-1894	Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter	Mrs. W. H. McMillan
1894-1895	Miss E. D. Brown	Mrs. N. Wylie Stevenson
1895-1896	Mrs. W. H. McMillan	Miss E. D. Brown
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1897-1898	Mrs. G. W. McDonald	Mrs. J. A. Grier
1898-1899	Mrs. G. W. McDonald	Mrs. M. M. Patterson
1899-1901	Mrs. E. M. Hill	Mrs. J. A. Grier
1901-1902	Mrs. E. M. Hill	Miss E. D. Brown
1902-1903	Miss E. D. Brown	Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter
1903-1904	Miss E. D. Brown	Mrs. T. D. Mellon
1904-1906	Miss E. D. Brown	Mrs. N. Wylie Stevenson
1906-1909	Miss E. D. Brown	Mrs. John A. Wilson
1909-1910	Mrs. N. W. Stevenson	Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter
1910-1912	Mrs. Samuel Yourd	Mrs. N. Wylie Stevenson
1912-1913	Mrs. Samuel Yourd	Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson
1913-1915	Mrs. Samuel Yourd	Miss Jennie H. Clark
1916-1916	Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter	Mrs. J. D. Sands
1916-1917	Mrs. J. D. Sands	Mrs. Wm. S. Cook
1917-1919	Mrs. Wm. S. Cook	Miss Carrie M. Reed
1919-1920	Mrs. O. H. Milligan	Miss Carrie M. Reed
1920-1923	Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson	Mrs. Wm. S. Cook
1923-1924	Mrs. D. J. Brown	Miss Elizabeth Milligan
1924-1925	Miss Ida B. Little	Mrs. John S. Crawford
1925-1925	Mrs. O. H. Milligan	Mrs. W. P. Wiegering
1926-1927	Mrs. W. R. McMunn	Mrs. Joseph M. Heagen
1927-1928	Miss Elizabeth Milligan	Mrs. J. French Kerr
1928-1929	Mrs. R. E. English	Mrs. Harriet S. Boobyer
1929-1930	Mrs. O. H. Milligan	Mrs. Wm. S. Cook
1930-1931	Miss Ida B. Little	Mrs. W. P. Wiegering
1931-1932	Mrs. Harriet S. Boobyer	Mrs. W. R. McMunn
1932-1933	Mrs. W. R. McMunn	Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson
1933-1934	Mrs. Arthur B. McBride	Mrs. A. J. Randles
1934-1935	Mrs. Charles W. Fulton	Mrs. Edgar M. Murdoch
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1909-1932	Mrs. H. C. Campbell
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1945-	Mrs. Arthur B. McBride

Home

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1909-1909	Mrs. J. D. Sands
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1904-1907	Mrs. R. A. Elliott
1907-1917	Mrs. Samuel Yourd
1917-1941	Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson
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1920-1926	Mrs. J. H. Maxwell
1926-1939	Mrs. W. P. Wiegering
1939-1944	Mrs. Edgar B. Murdoch
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1910-1912	Miss Susan E. McNall
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1913-1914	Mrs. H. C. Campbell
1914-1932	Miss Elizabeth Milligan
1933-1944	Mrs. A. J. Randles
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Railroad

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1909-1910	Mrs. Wm. S. Cook
1910-1912	Miss Susan McNall
1912-1914	Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson
1914-1915	Mrs. R. Maurice Trimble
1915-1918	Mrs. J. Howard Maxwell
1918-1919	Mrs. M. R. Wilson
1919-1920	Mrs. J. H. Maxwell
1920-1939	Mrs. W. P. Wiegering
1939-	Miss Ida B. Little

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1899-1908	Mrs. M. W. Porter
1908-1910	Mrs. Caroline Porter Hill
1910-1911	Mrs. J. A. Alexander
1911-1915	Miss Jennie H. Clark
1915-1916	Mrs. Maurice Trimble
1917-1926	Mrs. D. J. Brown
1926-1931	Mrs. R. E. English
1931-1932	Mrs. Arthur B. McBride
1932-1933	Mrs. A. J. Randles
1933-1939	Mrs. Edgar B. Murdoch
1939-1943	Mrs. Robert M. Karr
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Young Women

1903-1904	Mrs. T. D. Mellon
1904-1908	Mrs. Nancy L. Wallace
1908-1911	Mrs. J. A. Alexander
1912-	Miss Ida B. Little

Temperance

1909-1918	Mrs. R. C. Morton
1918-1920	Mrs. J. H. Maxwell
1920-1926	Mrs. W. P. Wiegering
1926-1941	Mrs. Harriet S. Boobyer
1941-1943	Mrs. G. Virgil Hutchison
1943-1944	Mrs. Charles B. Warren
1945-1946	Mrs. Howard M. Bruce

Indian

1912-1916	Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson
1916-1926	Mrs. John S. Crawford
1926-1926	Mrs. D. J. Brown
1926-1926	Miss Jennie B. Wallace
1926-1931	Mrs. J. French Kerr
1931-1946	Mrs. Arthur B. McBride
1946-1947	Mrs. T. C. Strangeway
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Benevolence

1913-1941	Mrs. J. B. Hill
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Financial

1914-1917	Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson
1917-1919	Miss Ida B. Little
1919-1920	Mrs. O. H. Milligan
1920-1926	Mrs. D. J. Brown
1926-1926	Mrs. J. B. Hill
1926-1932	Mrs. J. D. Sands
1932-1945	Mrs. Arthur B. McBride
1945-	Mrs. William L Neal

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THE CALL TO ADVANCE

Is this the time, O Church of Christ, to sound
Retreat? To arm with weapons cheap and blunt
The men and women who have borne the brunt
Of truth's fierce strife and nobly held their ground?
Is this the time to halt, when all around
Horizons lift, new destinies confront;
Stern duties wait our nation, never wont
To play the laggard, when God's will was found?
No! Rather strengthen stakes and lengthen cords,
Enlarge thy plans and gifts, O thou elect,
And to thy kingdom come for such a time!
The earth with all its fulness is the Lord's;
Great things attempt for Him, great things expect,
Whose love imperial is, whose power sublime!

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*Miss Lois M. Finney, 1948	R. D. 3, Mercer, Pa.
Miss Mary Nell Harper, R.N., 1948	2718 Pine, Everett, Wash.
*Miss Marian L. Jamieson, 1948	5424 Bryant Ave., Oakland 18, Calif.
*Miss Mary Lou Lash, 1948	3700 Parviss St., Pittsburgh 12, Pa.
*Miss Mary L. Markley, 1948	R. D. 1, Cadiz, Ohio
*Miss Shirley A. Moss, 1947	409 Barnes St., Pittsburgh 21, Pa.
*Miss Mary E. Reed, 1948	32 Penn Ave., Greenville, Pa.
Miss Marie F. Tait, 1925; 1945	R. D. 5, Mercer ,Pa.
Miss Joan E. Yilek, 1948	3904 Eighth St., N. W., Washington 11, D. C.

INACTIVE BECAUSE OF ILLNESS

Miss Hazel Bennett, 1908	263 Park St., Socorro, N. Mexico
Miss Aulora R. McIntyre, 1911; 1919	Lenox, Iowa
Miss Elizabeth McKibben, R.N., 1924	1428 Liverpool St., N. S. Pittsburgh, Pa.

RETIRED FROM ACTIVE SERVICE

PUNJAB, INDIA

Miss Emma Dean Anderson, 1881	Penn and Trenton Ave., Pittsburgh 21, Pa.
Miss Mary J. Campbell, 1884	Box 992, Santa Ana, Calif.
Miss Ella M. Gordon, 1893	Pattersonville, N. Y.
Miss Kate A. Hill, 1896	Eldora, Iowa
Miss Flora Jameson, 1903	32 Bonvue St., Pittsburgh 14, Pa.
Miss Mary E. Logan, 1891	325 W. 7th St., Rushville, Ind.
Miss Lillian A. McConnell, 1902	Box 178, Winona Lake, Ind.

EGYPT

Miss Ella M. Barnes, 1911	United Presbyterian Home for the Aged, Washington, Iowa
Miss Margaret A. Bell, 1901	Star Route, Atlantic, Iowa
Miss Leota Cabeen	2614 Sacramento St.,, St. Joseph, Mo.
Mrs. Mary K. Coventry, 1908; 1918	315 Chautauqua St., Council Grove, Kansas
Miss Minnehaha Finney, 1894	121 North 7th St., Sterling, Kansas
Miss Rena L. Hogg, 1899	Assiut, Egypt
Miss Carol E. McMillan, 1906	Aledo, Illinois
Miss Marion A. Paden, 1902	C/o Mrs. D. C. Wills, 12467 Cedar Rd., Cleveland, Ohio
Miss Laura B. Walker, 1904	Penn & Trenton, Pittsburgh 21, Pa.
Miss Ruth A. Work, 1904	2235 Norwalk Ave., Los Angeles 41, Calif

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Miss Helen Andrews	Frenchburg, Ky.
Miss Shirley Bey	Frenchburg, Ky.
Mr. John Besco	Frenchburg, Ky.
Miss Jean Christenson	Frenchburg, Ky.
Miss Isabel Hay	Frenchburg, Ky.
Mrs. Anna Howard, Matron	Frenchburg, Ky.
Mrs. Alice Hughes	Frenchburg, Ky.
Mrs. Helen Larsen	Frenchburg, Ky.
Miss Alberta McBride	Frenchburg, Ky.
Miss May Sprowl	Frenchburg, Ky.
Miss Dorothy Williamson	Frenchburg, Ky.
Miss Grace Vincent	Frenchburg, Ky.
Mr. Kirch, Agriculture	Frenchburg, Ky.
Mr. Martin Hovermale, Shop	Frenchburg, Ky.
Mrs. John Bosco, Dietitian-Cook	Frenchburg, Ky.

JANE COOK SCHOOL

Miss Flora Hormel, R.N., Superintendent	Frenchburg, Ky.
Miss Margaret E. Burton, R.N.	Frenchburg, Ky.
Miss Betty Mankedick, R.N.	Frenchburg, Ky.
Miss Mildred McFarland, R.N.	Frenchburg, Ky.
Mrs. Bernie Phelps, Practical Nurse	Frenchburg, Ky.
Mrs. Forsythe, Dietition	Frenchburg, Ky.
Physician, James W. Crain, M.D.	Frenchburg, Ky.
Miss Annetta Wilson	Frenchburg, Ky.
Miss Winifred Moore, Sec.	Frenchburg, Ky.
Miss Grace Huntley, Supt. Clothes Room	Frenchburg, Ky.

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McKeldin, Mr. H. W.	Camden, Ala.
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Adams, Mrs. Eva J., R.N., Supt.	Henderson, N. C.
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(Twelve other workers)

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Chambers, Miss Bertha	Knoxville, Tenn.

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Bennett, Mr. Steward	Miller's Ferry, Ala.
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Dillard, Miss Virginia	Miller's Ferry, Ala.
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Easley, Miss Pearlie	Miller's Ferry, Ala.
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REPORT OF

United Presbyterian Women's Association of North America

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1948

We appreciate the opportunity of bringing to you a report of the The Women's Association, a sister organization in the United Presbyterian Church. We appreciate your interest in the work we are doing in our three institutions here in Pittsburgh. We appreciate this especially as you receive no credit in your reports of the help given to our three institutions.

The Wilkinsburg Home for the Aged

I am indebted to Corresponding Secretary Miss Elizabeth Gilmore for my information on the Home for the Aged, which I have incorporated into the following:

"Our Home for the Aged in Wilkinsburg is in its fifty-sixth year. So far, it has been a good year. The annual Reception and Donation Day, February 21, brought more guests and larger donations than ever before. Also, our Easter season was a blessed one. Dr. John Gerstner brought our afternoon Easter message in the chapel, where communion was served to seventy of our aged folk. Those unable to be present received communion in their rooms. Happy to assist at this service were two of our group, Mr. Edmund and Mr. Harper, formerly elders in their home churches.

"Our Home family also appreciate so much the regular Sabbath services conducted by various ministers of the Pittsburgh district, the Monday evening Bible class taught in turn by three Seminary students, and Wednesday evening prayer meeting under the spiritual guidance of Miss Emma Dean Anderson.

"We have many joyous occasions in lighter vein, too. How our old people look forward to the Christmas party, and the automobile rides sponsored by the Auxiliary, destination to be chosen by the aged guests themselves! Some of them even attended the Icecapades last fall, and had a grand time.

"One of the newest members of our group is Miss Laura B. Walker, former missionary to Egypt. It is a matter of deep regret that we cannot take in more of our good people promptly. With our family of 84, we are filled to capacity, and our waiting list grows longer and longer. For this reason, we are especially glad to welcome the new Home for the Aged at Washington, Iowa. May that Home have the same joy we have had in helping make true for many of God's old folks the promise that 'at even time it shall be light.'

"Since 1892 we have welcomed 630 old people to our Home. Only those of us who have dear ones of our own far along 'in life's late afternoon' can realize just what it must have meant to these homeless old folks to find a haven here."

Columbia Hospital

Columbia Hospital is just next door to the Home for the Aged. I have been asked to spend its share of the time explaining to you the change in the organization of the Columbia Hospital Board.

First, however, let me pay tribute to Mrs. DeWitt Zuerner and her earnest, capable Board of women, under whom this change was effected. Theirs was a most difficult task. Any of you who are familiar with the administration of hospitals at the present time know that no hospital board is having an easy time financially. Everywhere hospitals are operating "in red." Salaries, prices of medicine, food, and equipment have simply sky-rocketed, some of them as much as nine times within the year; and if there are repairs to make in this time of high building costs, the situation may become well-nigh impossible. This is the position in which Columbia found herself, and it became so grave that this spring they felt they must have help. Consequently, through their unselfish cooperation with the organizing genius of their legal adviser, Mr. Clyde Armstrong, a new Board has been formed, retaining five of the former women members, and adding eleven men, whose business experience as well as Christian character should prove a real blessing to the Hospital. Among those giving of their time and talent to serve on this Board are the vice president and two other high officials of Westinghouse, the treasurer of Duquesne Light, and other key men in banking and industrial circles in the district. Mr. Armstrong, whose tireless efforts brought this about, has been prevailed upon to accept the presidency of the new Board.

This Board will be known as the Board of Directors of Columbia Hospital, and will have wide powers, so far as the running of the Hospital is concerned. It may not, however, elect new members to its Board, change the name or location of the Hospital, or use adjacent Association land for building purposes without the approval of the governing board of the Association, which shall henceforth be known as the Corporation Board.

In spite of its difficulties, Columbia this year broke all former records in point of service. Its 234 beds served 7,448 patients, with a total of 71,336 days of occupancy. It did $40,000 worth of charity work, some of it for our Orphans' Home, for which we are grateful.

Have you wondered what has happened to the rest of the former Board? They are now a part of the Hospital Auxiliary, whose duties will be even heavier than formerly. Truly this is the Master's work. "I was sick and ye visited me."

The Orphans' Home

Now for the Orphans' Home. I need just an hour and a half for it, but don't be alarmed—I shall confine myself to the allotted three minutes!

I wish you could visit our Home. I think you would agree with us that our farm on the Mars-Valencia road is just about the loveliest place on earth for homeless little children. I think you would feel, too, its happy atmosphere—unless we were having an off day. Being human, we do have them sometimes!

But we have had an encouraging year, and feel that we have moved definitely nearer our ideal of becoming, not a well-run institution, but a true Christian Home, where every child and every staff member shall try daily really to live the Christian principles which our superintendents, the Rev. and Mrs. Rayburn Campbell, try so faithfully to teach. It is not a long-faced religion—any one knowing Mr. and Mrs. Campbell would know that—but it is very real just the same.

We make no apology for taking one of your ministers and his wife for superintendents. If children in a normal household need the care and understanding sympathy of both a good father and a good mother, how much more these little ones with their background of tragedy. Morevover, we feel we have here a real missionary opportunity, under almost ideal conditions.

We are grateful for many things. The health of our children was wonderful all winter—until April first, when we broke out with flu, laryngitis, scarlet fever, and an appendectomy all in one day! But all recovered nicely, and our staff is most helpful in emergencies. We have done well scholastically, too. Under the double handicap of a prolonged quarantine and a fire in the Mars school, we had slipped a bit; our first report cards last fall were liberally splashed with red. Thanks to carefully supervised home study, in four months we had eliminated the red almost entirely ,and had much more than our share of A's and B's.

And this without omitting the fun which must be a part of the life of every child. How can we thank adequately the local community, our indispensable Auxiliary, and the church at large for all the happy times they have made possible, as well as the material blessings with which they have showered us this year! Our Home could not live without these gifts.

We are trying to carry on as we think you would have us. In the difficult war years, it was almost impossible to get adequate help. We are happy to say that the situation has improved. We have even had for some months as House Mother for our girls, Miss Marie Tait, former missionary-teacher, and when she leaves at the call of her work in Egypt, we expect another missionary-teacher to take her place.

We are dreaming of expansion. So many of our applicants must be turned away. But we must go carefully. The high cost of living has hit us, too,—hard. We have not broken even financially any month this year. In spite of this, we feel we must do something soon, at least for our teen-agers. In these difficult times, to dismiss children at fourteen is often to cancel out a large part of what we have tried to do for them. We are now planning additional building to enable us to keep them until they finish high school those of our children who have no suitable place to go. Already we are receiving contributions to our building fund.

In closing, may I say that we feel that our task is too big for mere human wisdom. In all three institutions, it is only as the spirit of Christ directs and blesses that we can hope to accomplish anything in His name. We ask your prayers and continued interest that, in the coming year, our three institutions may be guided into an increasingly useful and worthwhile work for Him.

Miss Clara Bartley

REPORT OF

Women's Association of the West

FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 15, 1948

The United Presbyterian Women's Association of the West extends greetings from the Pacific Coast to the Atlantic Coast to the Women's General Missionary Society in Boston. We congratulate you on a year of fine achievement and progress and we thank you for the opportunity of making known to the women of our church our accomplishments of the past year and our hopes and plans for the future.

The need of elderly people is security, not necessarily financial security, but security against loneliness, security through companionship and security through leading a normal and useful life. We believe a Home for the Aged is the answer, and, with faith in God, the Women's Association of the West has accepted the responsibility of providing such a place on the West Coast. Owing to changes in modern family life, the need is much greater today than when our enterprise was prayed into being, and we lament the fact that it has been a slow process, that of reaching the point where we could care for our own people on a plan which would bring security to them. However, we believe that before many tomorrows have passed we shall really have achieved our goal.

Over a year ago we applied for our Certificate of Authority from the State of California and last September, six months later, we received the precious gold-sealed document giving us the right to provide life care to a limited number. Since then we have been busy deciding policies, compiling rules and regulations suitable for our use and conferring with the State authorities. When these are in shape, we hope to sign agreements with several people who have inquired about building on our property and also agree to assume life care for the few whom we are able to accommodate in our present Home.

Aged folk of our own denomination will be given the preference and special concessions made to our retired workers.

We shall mention some of the encouraging events of the past year:

Last summer, the members of the Board of Directors were hostesses at the noon hour to about fifty members and friends of the Los Angeles Presbytery, meeting at the Home. The progress and needs of the Home were presented by Mrs. A. E. Kelly, who was President at that time. A real interest was manifested in the much needed expansion program.

At the summer meeting of the California Synod, a committee of seven men was appointed to act in an advisory capacity with the Board of Directors.

Many churches in the west have included the needs of the Home in their congregational budgets, insuring us of financial help in our building expansion. We hope more churches will feel led to do likewise.

On Oct. 7th, the annual Ingathering Day, many attended the Presbyterial Prayer Group at the Home, bringing picnic lunch and donations for the use of the Home and for the bazaar which was held after the Prayer Meeting. The attendance and contributions were the largest in our history. Special mention must be made of the hundreds of jars of canned fruit and jams, dried fruit, vegetables and handwork donated by the devoted women of San Francisco Presbyterial.

That there is a widened interest in the welfare of our Home is manifested by the letters of inquiry and encouragement we receive, and by the prayers being offered by righteous folk in our behalf, prayers that are effectual and fervent and surely avail much.

We appreciate the kindly and patient cooperation of the State officials with whom we have conferred, who assure us that we have a fine "set up" and who have aided us in meeting legal requirements in an orderly manner.

Eleven women have been happy in our Home during the year. They are truly appreciative of the quiet, homelike atmosphere and of the sympathy and kindness of the Matron, Miss Nell McCorkle, who is doing a wonderful work for us in the name of our Saviour whom she loves and serves.

The establishment of Homes for aged people is definitely a Christian service, and each bit of assistance rendered to these projects is a gift to our Lord and shows our love for Him.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. C. F. Woods, President
Mrs. M. E. Brown, Cor. Secy.

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ON OUR OWN DOORSTEP

Evangelism in the Canal Zone

By H. H. McCONNELL, D.D.
Department of Evangelism, Federal Council of Churches, New York, N. Y.

WHEN an urgent invitation to conduct a Visitation Evangelism Campaign came from the Union Churches of the Canal Zone, there was little hesitation about acceptance. In addition to the natural desire to visit that part of the world, there was an eagerness to introduce this method of carrying the message of Christ in a region where it had not been used.

Two non-stop flights of four and six hours transported us from New York City to Balboa, and into a different world.

The Canal Zone is unique in many respects. It is a strip of land 10 miles wide and 55 miles long, divided by the famous Panama Canal. This area is government leased and governed, and could be called a benevolent dictatorship. The Governor is appointed by the Federal Government. The populace does not have the right of franchise. There is no free enterprise. All business is government owned and operated. All the homes are leased from the government.

There is no unemployment. If a man does not have a position, he cannot lease a home. When he reaches retirement age, he must return to the States or move into the Republic of Panama as there will be no house available to him in the Canal Zone.

There is no poverty. The salaries are 25% higher on the average than in the United States, and there are no income taxes or other taxes. Each government employee gets 60 days vacation yearly, and transportation to the States at greatly reduced rates.

Twin cities are located at either end of the Panama Canal—Balboa and Panama City on the Pacific side and Cristobal and Colon on the Atlantic side. Balboa and Cristobal are in the Canal Zone, and Panama City and Colon are in the Republic of Panama. A large proportion of the people living in the Canal Zone are Negroes. There are not many Panamanians among them. They are largely laborers brought in from Jamaica and the West Indies for the manual labor connected with the building and maintenance of the Canal. Race segregation is rigidly practiced. A curious nomenclature is used. There is the "gold" commissary and the "silver" commissary; the "gold" club house and the "silver" club house; the "gold" town and the "silver" town. This grew out of the fact that all who were not United States citizens received only 50% pay. In common usage, "gold" and "silver" came to designate whites and Negroes.

Space will not permit an account of a visit to a leper colony where 115 of these unfortunate victims, all natives except one man from China, are tenderly cared for by one doctor and his wife who have devoted their lives to this ministry.

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The Major Sin on Our Own Doorstep

"One need not be a prohibitionist to be ashamed of the American liquor in Alaska. The record shows that Alaska consumes $15 worth of liquor per week, per person. Dr. E. Stanley Jones, in 1945, discovered that Fairbanks had 43 liquor shops for 6,000 people, Anchorage had 63 for 12,000, Juneau 57 for 7,500 and Ketchikab 42 for 6,000. Even the taxicabs carry it, and sell it, under local or federal license; if a driver can't get one license, he gets another. The drinking is done for two reasons: for the escape from the long boredom of the dark seasons, or because of the lack of recreational facilities. Missionaries in Alaska call liquor their number one problem. They are fighting liquor, but are handicapped by the fact that many big liquor men are laymen in their churches."

The same sordid story comes from the other areas "On Our Doorstep" as well as from all over the world. Under the protection of the American flag this nefarious (the dictionary gives as a definition for this word: "wicked in the extreme; atrociously villainous; iniquitous; atrocious; infamous"—the reader may add more to the definition!) business has the approval of our government. The worst kind of American citizens carry this curse all over the world.

ON PITTSBURGH'S DOORSTEP

The National Reform Association gives a few figures for Allegheny County, which is chiefly Pittsburgh and environs.

The people of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, spent for Intoxicating Drinks in 1946—$132,292,000.00.

For Public School Education in 1946—$29,408,761.00.

$6.25 for Liquor for every $1.00 for Public Education.

The grains used in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages consumed in Allegheny County were sufficient to keep alive for one year 500,000 starving people.

THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

The people of Pennsylvania in 1946 spent for liquor $702,030,000.00 or Per Capita $70.91.

For the same period for public education $22.72 Per Capita.

This is our sad and sorry confession for our home town and home state. What are the figures for your home town and for your home state?

Editor

GRAIN—FOR LIQUOR OR STARVING MILLIONS?

The World's Desperate Hunger

"Hunger hangs over the homes of more than 800,000,000 people. He sits beside every anxious mother three times a day. . . . He is more destructive than armies, not only in human lives, but in morals. All the values of right living melt before his invasions and every grain of civilization crumbles."

—Former President
Herbert Hoover.

Grains used in manufacture of alcoholic beverages in the United States in fiscal year ending June 30, 1946:

Distilled spirits	1,538,253 tons
Beer	1,779,492 tons
Total grain in distilled spirits and beer	3,317,745 tons

(Fruits used in manufacture of wines—1,208,431 tons) (Source—Internal Revenue Department Reports)

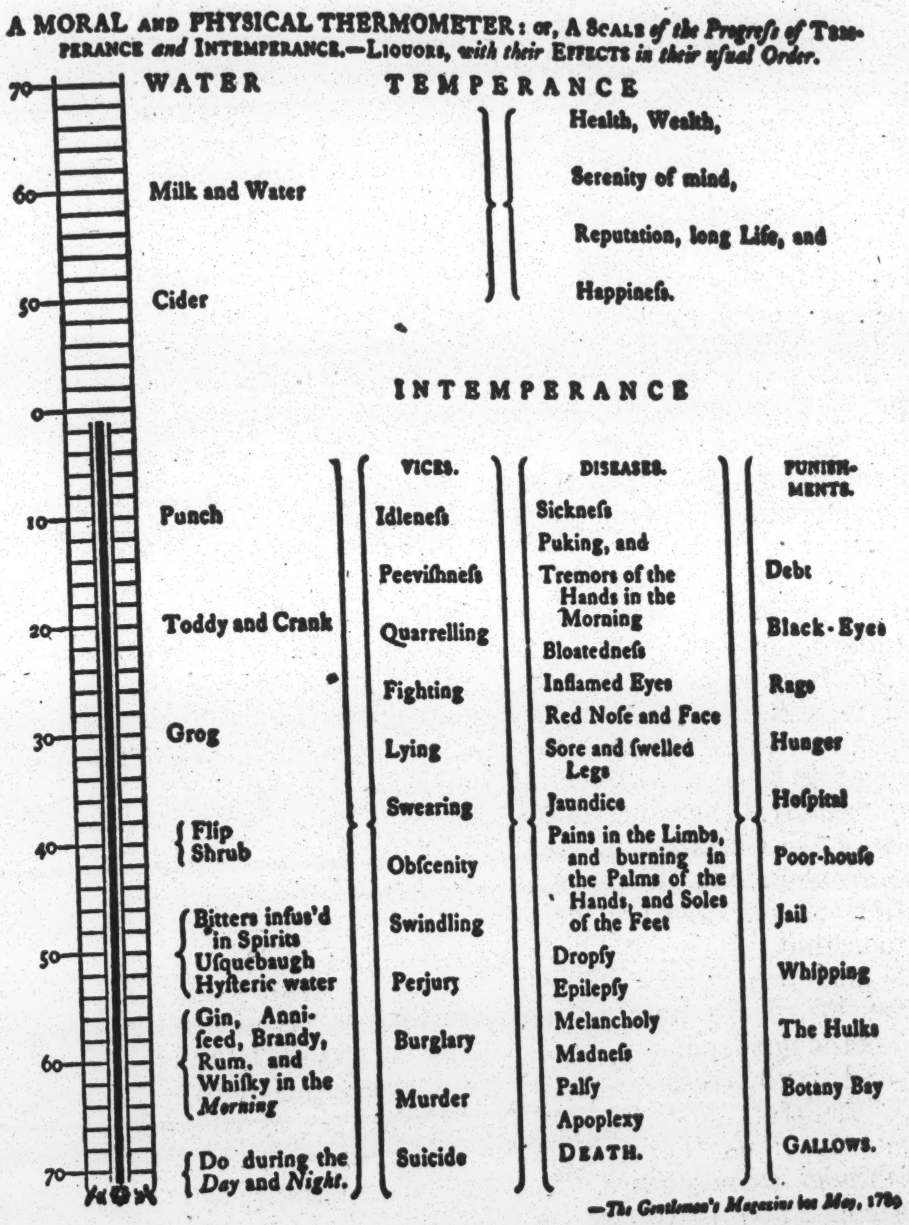
These 3,317,745 tons of grain were sufficient to keep alive for one year: 33,000,000 starving people in Europe or Asia.

Authorities — 3,600,000 tons of grain equals the whole amount necessary to save 40,000,000 people.—Former President *Herbert Hoover.* 1,000,000 tons of wheat makes a year's supply for approximately 10,000,000 people.—*Frederick Son-*

dern in August, 1946, *Readers Digest.* Corn and rye will provide at about the same rate as wheat.—An official of UNRRA.

Pennsylvanians drank down enough grains in 1946 to feed 2,640,000 starving people for one year. (Pennsylvanians consume 8 per cent of the total consumption of liquors in U.S.)

"I was hungry and ye gave me no meat." There are millions in Europe and Asia who desperately need our help.



A MORAL AND PHYSICAL THERMOMETER: or, A SCALE *of the Progreſs of* TEMPERANCE *and* INTEMPERANCE.—LIQUORS, *with their* EFFECTS *in their uſual Order.*

	LIQUORS	
70	WATER	
60	Milk and Water	
50	Cider	
0		
10	Punch	
20	Toddy and Crank	
30	Grog	
40	Flip Shrub	
50	Bitters infus'd in Spirits Uſquebaugh Hyſteric water	
60	Gin, Anniſeed, Brandy, Rum, and Whiſky in the *Morning*	
70	Do during the *Day* and *Night.*	

TEMPERANCE

Health, Wealth,

Serenity of mind,

Reputation, long Life, and

Happineſs.

INTEMPERANCE

VICES.	DISEASES.	PUNISHMENTS.
Idleneſs	Sickneſs	
	Puking, and	
Peeviſhneſs	Tremors of the Hands in the Morning	Debt
Quarrelling		Black-Eyes
	Bloatedneſs	
Fighting	Inflamed Eyes	Rags
	Red Noſe and Face	
Lying	Sore and ſwelled Legs	Hunger
Swearing	Jaundice	Hoſpital
Obſcenity	Pains in the Limbs, and burning in the Palms of the Hands, and Soles of the Feet	Poor-houſe
Swindling		Jail
Perjury	Dropſy	Whipping
	Epilepſy	
Burglary	Melancholy	The Hulks
	Madneſs	
Murder	Palſy	Botany Bay
	Apoplexy	
Suicide	DEATH.	GALLOWS.

—*The Gentleman's Magazine for May, 1789*

Alcoholic drinks produce exactly the same effect on human lives in 1948 as they did in 1789.

Worship Service

Theme: "THE ABUNDANT LIFE"

"I am come that they might have life . . . more abundantly."

By MRS. THOMAS R. SARVER, Wheeling, West Virginia

THE FRUITFUL LIFE

Call to worship: Psalm 90; 17 (in unison).

Brief prayer for the deepening of the spiritual life of our women that we may be used of God to bring in that portion of His Kingdom assigned to us.

B. S. H. No. 97

Scripture: John 15:1-17

Leader: The Christian is saved to serve. By Christian service we mean those efforts spent in the name of Christ for the advancement of His Kingdom, with no thought of personal reward or praise. In this portion of Scripture, Christ makes it plain that He expects each life to be useful; we are to bear fruit. Christ Himself came to minister to those in need and to give His life a ransom for many. When He has done so much for us, we should show our gratitude in some small measure by living for Him in devoted service. The world is still needy; it is not only poverty-stricken and starving physically but is also bankrupt and starving spiritually. The world needs the services of the Christian to show the way to an abundant life through the salvation of our Lord. Christ tells us, too, that if we would be fruitful, we must be purged, cleansed, through the Word He has spoken to us. Just as the husbandman prunes his vines and fruit trees to make them more fruitful, just so does Christ prune from us those things that would hinder us in service. We must abide constantly in Christ for without Him we can do nothing. Our good fruit is in direct proportion to our abiding in Him, our worship of Him, for worship is spiritual food for spiritual service. Our motives for sacrificial service are given here also. We are to bear fruit to glorify God. We are to serve because we love Him, because we are saved and not because we are *trying* to be saved. We serve because we have been chosen and ordained of Him to "go and bring forth fruit." When we fulfill this command, we find that our "fruit shall remain and whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, He will give it you." Answered prayer is one of the greatest rewards of Christian service. Another is the joy of Christ which He has promised to those who keep His commandments. To those who bear fruit He has also promised His friendship and great love. Who could ask for more than to be known as a friend of Christ? We all know, however, that our good works cannot save us for we are justified by faith. Nevertheless, a vibrant faith cannot help but bring forth rich fruit. No good works of ours can ever justify us before God but they are absolutely necessary to manifest our justification before men. The world sees the tree of service that is bearing rich fruit through our love for Christ; that is the outward evidence of our faith. God sees the roots of that tree sunk deeply into the rich soil of Christ's love for us, our love for Him and our fellowman. Each of us is bearing some sort of fruit, each according to his ability. "By their fruits ye shall know them." Let us serve faithfully where God has placed us, praying that we may be kept in His will always. Read Titus 2:11-14.

Prayer: Strengthen us for noble service, Father, that we may show Thy love and salvation to a needy lost world. B.S.H. No. 3.

Girl's Circle Program

By MRS. DOROTHY COMIN, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Having visited Hawaii, our neighbors "at the end of the block," and Alaska, "next door," let us step across the street and visit a number of smaller, rather poor homes: Panama Canal Zone, Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. As with neighbors everywhere we find that regardless of circumstances, they all have much to teach us about our own problems. When we become better acquainted we find that the solution of their problems will work to the common good of the whole community.

PREPARING FOR YOUR MEETING

Make all of your plans on a share-the-work basis. Divide into groups or squads: worship, prayer cycle, program study and social. The social committee should be responsible for issuing the invitations so we will talk of their plans first.

Make invitations or poster announcements of bright colored construction paper using the outline of a burro, a two-wheeled cart or the burro pulling the cart. Such means of transport, as well as a loaded basket skilfully balanced on a man's head are common sights almost everywhere in these countries.

Serve refreshments from a tea-wagon, a table or a wheelbarrow decorated with bright crepe paper to look like the little pushcarts one might find in the market-place in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, for instance. There the little "self-service stores" are filled with every kind of merchandise from fruits and vegetables, baked goods and fish, to articles of dry goods and hardware.

Those working on the program study should gather together as many interesting items as possible. Prepare an attractive display of maps and pictures of the various countries. Use the material in this magazine and the study book to develop your subjects. Current magazines and newspapers will supply supplementary material.

The girls in charge of the worship service and the prayer cycle have a special opportunity. The vivid picture of the Fruitful Life as described in John 15: 1-17 should suggest several ways to prepare and present a short meditation. Especially to be noted in the Prayer Cycle is the twentieth day which mentions the Girl's Boarding School in Pasrur, West Punjab, Pakistan, a special object of support by the Girl's Circle groups. For a final touch you could learn the familiar hymn in Spanish, reprinted below, to sing during the worship service. Ask the whole group to join in the chorus in English. To make it really effective will take practice and perhaps some coaching by some one who has studied Spanish.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM OUTLINE

Worship Service: The Fruitful Life. John 15:1-17.

Prayer Cycle: Days 11, 20, 22.

Topics for Study:

"A Country Divided—Oceans United" See Page..................

"The Major Sin on Our Own Doorstep." (Temperance Study.) See Page 836.

CRISTO ME AMA

(Jesus Loves Me)

Cristo me ama, me ama a mi,
Su palabra dice asi;
Ninos pueden ir a el,
Quien es nuestro amigo fiel.

Coro

Si, Cristo me ama;
Si, Cristo me ama;
Si, Cristo me ama;
La Biblia diece asi.

Evaluations Of The Thank Offering

Sixty Years of Thank Offering

By MRS. THOMAS NEWCOMB, Secretary of the Thank Offering Department

ITS BEGINNINGS

It was in March 1888 that the Women's Board authorized an appeal to the Missionary Societies throughout the Church for Thank Offerings to be sent through Presbyterial delegates to the W.G.M.S. which was to convene at Washington, Pa., May 8, 1888. A monologue describing the presentation of this Thank Offering written by Mrs. John A Crawford, a former member of the Women's Board, is available for program material in the "Pocket of Skits". Along with this might also be used the monologue featuring the 1946 Convention, and by changing the figures will be suitable for the 1947 Thank Offering. The "Pocket of Skits" is 10c, no postage required, and may be ordered from the Thank Offering Department.

The first Thank Offering was held on April 14, 1888, the day being set aside as a day of prayer and thanksgiving for each society. It was suggested that all join in a concerted period of prayer and praise from two to four in the afternoon, the first hour to be spent in conference and prayer and the second in praise and the gathering of Thank Offerings. It was a time of great need in the mission work of our Church and this plan was used as a means by which the women might help in the crisis. In this first Thank Offering one hundred forty-three societies, two congregations and fifty-one individuals participated, the amount contributed being $5,919.20. The first Senior Life Membership was given in 1886 even before this first Thank Offering, and the first Life Directorship in 1917. It was not until the Tenth Anniversary of the Women's General Missionary Society that the boxes were used. In the January 1948 issue of the magazine a reprint of the letter sent out at that time will be found. Those who have been faithful in the use of these boxes through the years can testify to the spiritual blessings they have received and we all know of the work made possible through these gifts.

ITS GROWTH

The growth of the Thank Offering through its sixty years of history has been a steady one, except for a few years when because of the financial conditions in our country there was a decrease in our giving. The 1947 Thank Offering totaling $222,312.11 bears testimony to its growth. (See annual report in this magazine for number of societies contributing, etc., as compared with first Thank Offering.)

At special times in the history of the Thank Offering such as the Tenth, the Twentieth, the Silver, the Mary Clokey Porter, and the Golden Anniversaries emphasis was placed on our giving which greatly increased the Offering in those years. It is our hope and prayer that this the Sixtieth year may yield abundant harvest in our offerings of thanksgiving for Kingdom work. Is it too much to expect that we will go over the two hundred and twenty-five thousand mark for 1948? The total amount contributed in the fifty-nine years is $5,492,102.06.

Aside from the distribution of the regular Thank Offering to the different departments of work which supplements and helps to maintain the work of each of our fields there have been the special gifts through Life Directorships and Junior and Senior Life Memberships. These too have steadily increased until today there are many names which have been added to these Rolls of Honor. Were it not for all of these gifts both regular and special, one-third of the work of the W.G.M.S. would have to be discontinued.

Who can think of Life Directorships, or Life Memberships and not recall the Mary Clokey Porter Girl's School in Tanta, erected in loving memory of the first Thank Offering Secretary, or Tanta and Sialkot Hospitals as they have ministered through the years to those both physically and spiritually sick, or Frenchburg Church as the message of salvation has been proclaimed from its pulpit. We think also of the Junior Life Memberships which have endowed beds in Jhelum and Sialkot Hospitals in India, Jubilee Hospital in Henderson, N.C. and the purchase of an X-ray machine for Tanta, the erection of a school building at Ezel, Kentucky, and the building of the Junior Hall in the Sudan in memory of Mrs. E. M. Hill.

In addition to this earlier work accomplished through the Thank Offering we would like to just mention a few of the things this fund has been used for recently. In the Foreign field there has been special building as follows:— A mission building in Gereif, Sudan, Women's Missionary residence, Omdurman Sudan (see January 1948 magazine for details concerning this building), and the establishing of work at Atbara, Sudan. A school bus for Atbara will be purchased from Junior Life Memberships, as well as help in providing a station wagon for Doleib Hill. The salary emergency bonus recently granted our missionaries will be taken from Senior Life Memberships. In the Home field we have been able to build an elementary school at Ezel, Kentucky, a mechanic and wood shop and teacher's cottage at Camden, Alabama, Cherokee Chapel, Stillwell, Oklahoma, which burned recently, but we are happy to say was covered by insurance. Each year since the establishment of the scholarships for our colleges it has been possible to give $200 to each of our five colleges to be used in helping young people who are preparing for full time Christian service, also a grant of $2,000.00 was made to Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary to help in establishing the department of Christian Education for young women. Gifts were granted of $500 each to seven of our rural churches to help in repairing their parsonages. From Senior Life Memberships $100,000 was placed in the pension fund for our retired missionaries. This gives some idea of the growth of our work made possible through your gifts to the Thank Offering.

ITS FUTURE

What of the future of the Thank Offering? That depends upon the continued faithfulness of the members of our societies and Churches. There are at the present time plans being made for the construction of a school at Frenchburg, Kentucky, a new hospital at Tanta, Egypt, and an addition to Taxila Hospital in India, which will require much from these "love gifts". May it be said of us as Paul said of the Macedonian Christians: "they gave according to their means—and beyond their means, of their own free will,—but first they gave themselves to the Lord." If such is the spirit in which we bring our Sixtieth Thank Offering we may be assured of God's blessing upon it and upon the work it will accomplish.

A Pastor Evaluates the Thank Offering

By GRANT M. McKNIGHT, D.D., Aliquippa, Pa.

"And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"—These are familiar words to every church worker. In hours of crisis they have been fulfilled again and again. Throughout the church are pastors and congregations who are saying to the Women's Board "Thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this." That is their conviction because of timely help making possible comfortable homes for pastors and their families.

In this season of housing shortage in which trailers and very small apartments are in vogue a comfortable and modern manse gives great urge to a pastoral call from any congregation. Because of hopeless housing conditions numerous invitations for settlement have received a negative reply. Then the pastoral vacancy runs into years, the congregation and community have gone unshephered and entire families lost to the church and kingdom. But now comes the Parsonage Department of the Women's Board with the "outreaching" hand with such funds as to encourage a needy congregation; new life and determination are imparted with the result that pastor and people move forward to the accomplishment of undreamed enterprises.

A recent General Assembly appointed a "Town and Rural Committee" to investigate congregations needing help and to report findings, if requested, to the proper department of the Women's Board. Recommendations receive favorable consideration and helping gifts are forthcoming. What a blessing to the rural and village churches and others as well! By the "outreaching" hand the women's general organization is saying to the Presbyteries, "revive the needy congregations and mission stations and we will give proportionate support to the work."

Moreover, how many young congregations, not having houses of worship are meeting in manses provided by the Women's Board! Through prayer, patience and persistent effort a church building is erected, the little flock moves in and soon there is a flourishing congregation. The parsonage department of the Women's Board was "born for such a time as this." There is also just pride in the new home of the pastor. In case the former manse was in decay and conditions not inviting, a surprising transformation has been made and the congregation looks with great satisfaction at the revamped manse. The pastor too, is happy and all go forth in a new spirit to serve the Lord. Let us keep the vision before us and as the fall approaches and another Thankoffering season is at the door we will take pleasure in presenting a generous offering.

Grant M. McKnight

"Respond, O Church, these myriad calls
Appealing come from street and mart
Where every man whom sin enthralls
Expects a welcome to Thy heart.
Reach out, O Church! This is the hour
To make thy ministry complete!
God waits to furnish thee with power
To lift our nation to His feet."

Anon

A Foreign Missionary Evaluates the Thank Offering

By MISS MARGUERITE McCLELLAN, on Furlough from Khartoum North, The Sudan

A HOME IN A RURAL COMMUNITY

It took a long period of patient overcoming of prejudices and superstitions and fears before the Muslim rural community of Gereif opened its heart and homes to Christians, but the time finally came when contacts could be made with families rather than with individuals alone, and it seemed imperative that a home for Women Workers be built on our Mission farm. An appeal was made to the Women's Board, a plot shaded by huge nim trees set out by missionaries years ago was chosen, and a pleasant little four-room mosquito-proof cottage was built.

The house has been occupied constantly during the nine months of the school year since its erection, and it has also been used during the summer by groups of women workers, by boarding school orphans, and by pastors' families as a place for a short summer vacation. Under the shelter of the big trees is a branch irrigation ditch through which cool water runs almost daily to the surrounding plots of land, and one can sit there by the murmuring stream and be as comfortable as he can be anywhere in the heat of that dry and thirsty land.

During the year 1947-48 the two regular women teachers of our schools in Gereif have spent the whole week in this home, being chaperoned and cared for by a jolly Sudanese woman, the mother of one of our fine teachers. In addition Miss Una Coie went out each Sabbath evening with her class of girls in training for Bible Women's work, and they spent Monday and Tuesday teaching in the homes. Tuesday afternoon when the Bible Women's car went out to take them back to their work in Khartoum and vicinity, I went out to spend the night and Wednesday morning, for it was part of my work to supervise the Girls' School and also the Boys' Agricultural School.

"The Palms"—The house under the shade of the Dom Palm trees at Gereif Hill. This is the home of the Women missionaries.

One room of the residence was used for the Girl's School and the same room was used three nights a week to teach a group of men who, after the introduction of the Laubach method of teaching adults had become much interested in learning to read. On Sabbath and Monday nights Miss Una helped them, and on Tuesday it was my privilege. They had a regular Bible lesson with flannelgraph as well as their Arabic reading and writing.

Just across the main irrigation ditch which forms a boundary between the Mission property and that of the villagers, is a mosque which helps to propagate the false religion which holds the people in the bondage of ignorance and sin. But from the unassuming little cottage built by your Thank Offerings go women who teach the Word of God to mothers and older sisters in their own little mud houses, a teacher who gives a daily Bible lesson to her own class of little boys and to two classes of older boys; in it five days a week little daughters of the village hear that same precious Word and learn Bible portions, and in it three nights a week a group of fathers have the Truth presented to them. So it is that complete families are being reached.

The satisfaction of living and working in a rural center in a Muslim land cannot be measured by immediate results; neither can the effect be estimated in what one sees right now; but God has promised that His Word will not return to Him void, and we know that is true in the villages of Gereif.

A BUS FOR ATBARA

Did you ever walk four miles through the sand on a hot day carrying a fine, fat, two-year old boy on your hip? The fact that a mother in Atbara did that one day last fall makes it possible for me to speak with more authority on the need of a bus for our work in that place than I could otherwise. For in the evening of the same day, guided by the daughter of the mother mentioned above, Miss McKnight, some teachers and Bible women and I trudged through the heavy sand over the same route. Miss McKnight is in charge of our Bible women's work and also of the schools which we had just taken over from the Church Missionary Society (British), and I was there helping with the opening of the schools. We have not had a missionary resident there before last year though we had an Evangelical Church and a Bible woman whose home was in Atbara.

The mother was one who had studied with our Bible women in Khartoum North and had sent her children to our school in Khartoum North, and although when she moved to Atbara she lived far from the American Mission she was determined to send her daughter and son to us. We went to her home, not only to visit her as an old friend, but also to find out about openings for the Bible Women's work in her part of the city and to get an idea about the possible route for the promised school bus. Though I was carrying no child on my hips, and though I was wearing comfortable walking shoes and was used to that exercise, and though we had made the trip in the cool of the day, I was quite exhausted when we got home, and knew why the patrons of the

THE NEW ATBARA BUS

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Miss Marguerite at the wheel

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Atbara, North Sudan

school were looking forward with eagerness to the advent of the bus.

Another day we went far out along the river in another direction and visited in the homes of a number of pupils from that part of the community. Again the question everywhere was "When will the bus be here?" These people wanted a ride for their children not only because of the long distance but also because they did not like their attractive young daughters walking daily along the road in front of the Sudanese soldiers' barracks which were in the direct path between their homes and the school.

When I went back to help at the close of the term in January the new bus was proving its worth and paying for its keep. Early each school day it started out, delivered teachers at the elementary school across the town from the Mission, and brought a full bus load back to the main school which provides teaching not only in elementary subjects but also through the intermediate grades and two years of high school. On Sabbath morning the bus was used to take worshippers who live far from the church to services.

Miss McKnight now has the help of Miss Rosaltha Kenagy, a short term teacher from Iowa. They have had many problems to meet and there have been serious objections, announced even in the cinema and by the town crier, to our teaching of Bible in the schools, but in spite of that the work has gone ahead and their influence has been extended. We are indeed grateful that they have been provided, through a Thank Offering special, with means of transportation in the wide-spread community in which they serve.

EVANGELISM IN THE CANAL ZONE

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When the Canal Zone was founded, some men of Christian vision could not see any reason to perpetuate denominational divisions in this new land. Accordingly, the Union Churches of the Canal Zone came into being. Representatives of 23 denominations worship and work together in the Union Churches. There are 5 established congregations which are located at Cristobal, Gatun, Balboa, Pedro Miguel and Gamboa. During the time of our visit there, a new church was organized at Margarita, and a nucleus of 44 people was gathered for a new congregation at Cocoli. Lay Visitation Campaigns were conducted at Cristobal and Balboa on successive weeks. There were 263 people who united with the Union Churches as the fruitage of these Campaigns. The congregation at Gamboa, without a minister, began the week with 30 members and at the end of the week had 99. The joy of the 10 workers who were used of the Holy Spirit to win 69 people for Christ is beyond description. That record was equalled by the 8 women at Cocoli, who without a church building, or a congregation, or a minister to organize them, went out and won decisions of 44 people for Christ and thus laid the foundation for a new congregation.

We left Balboa with a high regard for the work being done by the Union Churches of the Canal Zone. Here is a practical demonstration of the ecumenical spirit.

A Home Missionary's Evaluation

By SUPERINTENDENT WILLIAM A. HEAGEN, Ezel, Kentucky

"Can you take care of the children from three more rural schools if we transport them to Ezel School?" That was the question our county superintendent of schools asked us in the spring of 1946. One of these little one-room schools was about to fall over and the others were in bad condition. Furthermore qualified teachers could not be found for them. In the case of at least two we were already enrolling over half the children in the district because their parents were willing to pay bus fare to send them to Ezel School.

At first we said, "No," because we did not have room in our already crowded elementary rooms. But then we visited the communities and saw the need, so we said, "Maybe, if we can build at least two more grade rooms." So again we went ahead in faith, believing that the finances for the building would be provided. A site was selected on the south of the campus for this building.

Another need we had felt for some time was for a more adequate room for our used clothing department. For years this had been crowded in the attic of the main school building and thus could only be open on Saturdays. Each week the teachers devoted at least one evening to unpacking and each Saturday morning they acted as clerks in the clothing sale room. So in planning the new building we included a large basement with two rooms that faced out on the highway back of the school. These we are now using for our clothing store and unpacking and storage of clothing. The sale room is open each day under a full time manager.

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This is a Thank Offering Building at Ezel Kentucky. It was built for the overflow of children — The Fifth and Sixth grades are accommodated here. The Clothes Store occupies a part of the building.

A Young Woman Evaluates the Thank Offering

By MRS. ROBERT H. MENEILLY, Prairie Village, Kansas

It was a beautiful day at Monmouth when Dr. Grier called me into his office. Exams were over and the second semester had just begun, so of course I was feeling in gay spirits. Then I was even happier when Dr. Grier asked me if I would care to have the W.G.M.S. scholarship. I could hardly answer him. He said that to be eligible for this scholarship a girl must be going into full time Christian work and since he was sure that a certain young man and I were planning to be married in the not too distant future he felt as a minister's wife I would qualify.

When I left his office I was too happy for words. As many other students I had received aid from the college through grants and work, but receiving the scholarship meant not only more financial aid but it gave me a feeling that some one beside my parents and that certain some one in seminary was interested in seeing me attain my dreams of a college education.

Receiving this scholarship mean't not only an easier time financially for me but it mean't a great deal more. Since I was quite young I had been in young peoples society and belonged to McCown Circle Missionary Society at the Mt. Lebanon Church. I always had the desire to do some kind of church work although I didn't know exactly what. Cupid took a helping hand in my decision. I fell in love with a young man who wanted to be a minister and my part was to be played as his wife and helper in whatever field he might choose. I went to college with the idea of getting a better education so that I might qualify better to share with him his work. Receiving the scholarship helped me to attain this. I was happy to think that the money from the women's societies throughout the church was helping me so I might prepare myself; also that of the young girls society of which I had been a member once in my home church. I knew that their interest and prayers were with me.

In our wedding service we had an extra vow. I vowed to share with my husband in the ministry of the church. Now as a minister's wife I am trying to keep this vow along with the others, not only for my husband's sake but for all of those who were so very kind to help me and to keep me in their prayers.

I was glad that the scholarship was given to me for the reason that I was to be a minister's wife; other girls had received it because they were going to be missionaries in far off countries to serve the Lord or teach in our mission schools. But I received it because I was going to be the wife of a minister and I was glad, for it meant that more and more people are realizing that ministers wives do play a part in the church and do a great deal of work for the Lord. Here in Prairie Village I think you would call us home missionaries, for we are here to build a church in a community which has no church. We feel we have a great field here with a community of young married couples and their young families. It has been a great experience already watching the church being built and meeting the folk here in the community. I want to express my thanks again for the W. G. M. S. scholarship and for the assistance it afforded me in gaining my education so that I might be better prepared to work with my husband in building a church here in Prairie Village for the glory of God.

Worship Service

THEME "THE ABUNDANT LIFE"

"I am come that they might have life . . . more abundantly"

By MRS. THOMAS R. SARVER, Wheeling, West Virginia

"THE THANKFUL LIFE"

"Each day is a day of thanksgiving for mercies and gifts ever new; Come, number your manifold blessings; can you say they are only a few? The crown of your womanhood wearing, come into His courts with a song: Who gave you the coronet royal, Who lifted from sorrow and wrong."

B.S.H. No. 120

Scripture: Colossians 1:9-14; 2:6, 7; 3:12-17

Leader: Ingratitude is one of the gross sins of the world. It is not a Christian attribute. Yet how often we fail to heed the many exhortations in the Scriptures to give thanks unto God. When we think of the goodness of God toward us, our hearts well up within us, filled to overflowing with gratitude and love, because "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." God has given us the gift of eternal life, a free gift that we have only to accept and thank Him for by living a life worthy of the Lord. Giving thanks is an acknowledgement of our utter dependence upon God. It is the celebration of His divine goodness. In speaking of giving thanks, Paul exhorts us to make a melody in our hearts unto the Lord. Does this not express the true spirit of thanksgiving? But many say that life is so uncertain, filled with turmoil, unrest, anxiety, and how can one be joyful and thankful? Fear, worry, and doubt are the enemies of thankfulness and peace, and rob us of much of the joy of living. It is true that the world does not have peace, that there is much to give us grave concern but Christ has told us, "These things have I spoken unto you that in *Me* ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

Think of His gifts to us. We have life here and in eternity, the love of God and His Son, Jesus Christ; the privilege of prayer, worship, service, sharing. We have the love of family and friends to make life happy. We "have been delivered from the dominion of darkness and transferred to the Kingdom of His beloved Son in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." One could never complete the list of God's blessings to us for our Father has given to us abundantly. He supplies our needs daily. Let us pay our gratitude to Him daily, "giving thanks for all things unto God, the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." In a world of suspicion and selfishness, there is great need for the spirit of love and gratitude. May we, the children of the King, bring to Him our gifts daily; may our lives record the tender mercies of the Lord. We cannot afford to be silent ungrateful Christians; we must be singing witnessing Christians, willing to spend our lives in grateful service to Him as partial recompense for His love, mercy, and generosity to us.

Prayer: "Help us, our Father, then
to live thanksgiving as we ought;
To serve and like our Saviour live,
and do as He has taught.
Assist us all Thy work to share,
to toil for that glad day
When in earth's nations everywhere Thy Kingdom shall have
sway."

B.S.H. No. 111.

Girls' Circle Program

By MRS. DOROTHY COMIN, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Some time ago we planned to bring in new members at this time, so let us set aside the planned program for the month of September. We will come back to it next month. Let's plan an initiation service instead. It will acquaint new members and remind old members of the aims of the Girl's Circle.

IN PREPARATION FOR THE MEETING

Invite the new members, your parents and friends. If possible, plan to hold it in your church or chapel. Assign the work to be done as early as possible. Those who have a part in the service should memorize what is to be said. Plan the most effective means of using the service in your particular church, or whereever you will meet. The leader of the Prayer Circle should be informed on prayer cycle days suggested and have enough copies of the Prayer Cycle to present to each new member.

SUGGESTED ORDER OF SERVICE

Quiet Music
Invocation—Minister
Greetings to members and guests—Adult Sponsor
Presentation of new members—Sponsor
Reception of new members — President
Initiation service
Prayer Cycle (Days 24-13-27-14 and 20. Use only names of missionaries and the G.B.S. Pasrur supported by Y.W. and Girl's Circles—see Page.......... Miss Little's Page.)
Social Hour and Reception

INITIATION SERVICE

President: We are organized to receive training in missionary work in our own church, our own community; to learn of the work in near or distant missionary fields. We recognize the possibility that such training may lead to a personal call to go into special service for Christ. Do you therefore, enter into the membership of this Circle, fully aware of your responsibilities to the Circle and above all to Christ our Lord; to learn to serve Him in whatever way may open unto you?

New Members: We do.

Vice-President (or Literature Secretary): We specialize in the study of our own fields and try to gain some knowledge of the world fields, using tools offered to us by the Women's General Missionary Society as the Magazine, the study books and supplementary material. With these tools as handbook, or guide, do you promise to attend meetings as faithfully as you are able, accepting your responsibility to help in the preparation of programs that all may learn.

New Members: We do.

Treasurer: It is our duty to discover the need for financial support and to become intelligent givers, that the work of Christ's Kingdom may go on. The Girl's Circle is asked to share in the seven departments of work of the Women's General Missionary Society. They are: The Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Negro and Indian Missions, for which we undertake the support of missionaries, the maintenance of hospitals, schools and other necessary expenses; the Parsonage Fund, to help furnish suitable homes for pastors, particularly in mission type congregations; the Benevolence Fund used to supply aid in special cases where illness or other hardship exists: Temperance and

Reform Fund which aids in temperance education by the distribution of literature on request and support of temperance agencies in home and foreign fields. In addition there are assessments for Presbyterial and Women's General Missionary Expenses and the Isaiah 41:6 Fund, that others in less favored places may enjoy the advantages of Presbyterial and Women's General Missionary Society Meetings. As your vision is enlarged to see the compelling need of this work; do you promise to give prayerful consideration to your pledges and gifts, that you may fully support the work of the Kingdom of God?

New Members: We do.

Prayer Secretary or Leader of the Prayer Cycle: That we may develop spiritually through Bible Study and Prayer, and that we may uphold our workers and the work by means of intercession and prayer, we are urged to use our Bible and these Prayer Cycles each day. These Prayer Cycles, which I give to you in the name of this circle, are provided that we may systematically visit our mission stations day by day, upholding our workers by name before the Throne of Grace. Do you promise to endeavor to grow in grace and strength, to set aside some portion of your day for Bible study and prayer, using your Prayer Cycles earnestly and faithfully?

New Members: We do.

President: (to old members), Will you, members of this Girls' Circle promise to aid and encourage these new members that they may successfully fulfill the promises they have made tonight in the presence of God and these people here assembled? And will you now reaffirm your own willingness to abide by the principles we have just described?

Members: We will.

President: (to new members) It is my privilege to welcome you into our Circle. May God bless us all and help us that our association may be pleasant, enduring, and of infinite value to the realization of Christ's Kingdom on earth.

Old and new members form circle to sing "Living for Jesus." Prayer Secretary or leader may then step to center of circle to conduct Prayer Cycle, asking any who wish to join in the prayers.

A HOME MISSIONARY'S EVALUATION

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When the building was almost ready for use we rejoiced when the Board of Directors sent word that it was to be paid for by the Thank Offering. Thus the W.G.M.S. continued to *"reach out"* and to help us provide a Christian training for many more boys and girls in this area of the foothills of Kentucky. More than that, the clothing store is helping meet another great need.

Ezel School has been vitally connected with the Thank Offering and Specials of the W.G.M.S. and the Junior Societies since the very beginning. Our main building was a love gift from the *Juniors.* Led by their organizer and the first worker at Ezel School, Mrs. J. C. Alter, our own Ezel Women's Missionary Society always has made a special effort toward the annual Thank Offering and it has been their big offering of the year. Each year they try to outreach the year before. All these special gifts from the women of the United Presbyterian Church plus their regular support of the W.G.M.S. have enabled us to grow in *outreach* from a small beginning to a Christian Training center enrolling almost 400 boys and girls.

Editorial

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As I look back over twenty-three years I feel that I should like to share some of the experiences with all the readers. You will pardon me if I talk personally, as if speaking to you one by one and face to face. If there seems to be a repetition of the letter "I," never mind we have plenty of capital "I's" in the printer's shop!

There came a day in our family when we seemed to be standing on the edge of a precipice; the next step was invisible. My beloved husband must give up his work. The day came when he was to "declare the pulpit vacant." At the moment there was no plan in sight. As I have related in the report to the Convention (Page 693) I was elected that month to the "Magazine Committee" as it was then called. Within two weeks I was asked by the Board to assume the duties of Editor laid down by Mrs. George Moore. At that time no member of the Magazine Committee, except the Treasurer, received any remuneration. The Board ruled that a modest salary should be given to the Editor to be paid out of the income of the Magazine.

There could be no doubt that God was leading us every step of the way.

Immediately the Magazine became a family affair. I would be ungrateful indeed if I did not acknowledge the help and cooperation of all members of my family.

First of all my husband was able for a considerable time to help. Then there were the two mothers who lived with us—first one and then the other, for twenty-three years. They both had good health and they were always busy with the small household affairs and each one lived to be almost eighty-nine years of age, helpers almost to the end.

The children helped. There was the stalwart son, the two daughters, the "in-laws" and a brother who were all assistants at different periods of the Magazine history. They not only assisted on regular issues but even took entire charge of issuing the Magazine. A Bible Lands Tour as a hostess of a party was made possible by a sister who was unable to fulfil her engagement; Florida Missionary Assemblies, a tour of our missions in India, Egypt, North and South Sudan and many other beautiful experiences were mine because my family stood by me every step of the way and continue to stand by me.

The members of the Board have always been unfailing in kindness, helpfulness and cooperation. When one thinks of it most of those older women who were advanced in years when I began, have been replaced by equally devoted, capable and consecrated members who not only carry on the work of their departments but who report regularly to their supporters through the pages of the Magazine.

How wonderful have been the Associate Editors in our foreign fields! They too have changed but all have been faithful helpers, keeping their pages filled with current happenings in the fields, giving us pictures of the fast moving events over the world.

How gracious have been writers, who have responded cheerfully to any requests for articles for our pages! These have been scattered all over the church, all over the country. At the moment there is no recollection of any one—man or woman—declining to accede to our request for articles. How great have been the riches added to our store of information!

I would not omit a special helper through all my years of service—Mrs. E. D. McKune, whom I have known as college professor, a pastor's wife, a presbyterial associate, a writer for the Magazine and an intimate and dear friend. Her name is known to all our readers. Year after year she has prepared studies, suggested plans and programs and has responded to every call. She is known over a much wider area than our own denomination as she has been engaged for many seasons as a leader in missionary conferences in different parts of the United States.

We salute Mrs. E. D. McKune—the new Editor of The Women's Missionary Magazine!

There is an element of excitement in being an editor. Stamps from foreign lands always stir one's imagination (incidentally bring one a number of young friends, who await them eagerly). There are letters, of course from all our own fields and from others to whom our Magazine goes.

The Exchanges are always stimulating. Of one very unusual one I told the editor once that whenever it arrived I always broke one of the commandments. "Which one?" he inquired. I replied: "Thou shalt not covet." He was satisfied to let me continue breaking it!

These magazines, whether larger or smaller than our own, all have the same purpose—to broadcast the news of the missionary program of the church.

It would be hard to overestimate the value of interdenominational conferences. The Missionary Education Movement in preparing books gives one the benefit of listening, for example to the one who is preparing a new book. There comes to mind an unusually happy experience in Toronto, Canada, as Mrs. Bryce outlined her book "India At the Threshold" first to a small group, then to the whole conference and then to an invited audience from the city.

When I began my work, Mrs. H. C. Campbell, then Secretary of the Foreign Department of the Board was very eager that I should get in touch with the Foreign Missions Conference. She said decidedly, "You must attend this conference every year, the New Wilmington Conference and the conference of our own missionaries." In large measure I have followed these instructions and have valued every conference. I have added the Home Missions Council, the Missionary Education Movement and occasionally others. Naturally I have kept in touch with the interdenomination missionary movements.

The meetings of the Religious Press Association have been stimulating and helpful. These have been frequently held in Washington, D. C. Then I felt I could afford to go. (Enter the Family.) There was no hotel bill for the several days meetings when a sister's home was open to me!

With only a few exceptions I have attended all these conferences at my own expense because I considered them of great value to me personally.

Interdenominational summer conferences and Schools of Missions have been a part of my program: These have taken me from Northfield, Massachusetts, to Chautaqua, N. Y., over the middle west, south to Oklahoma City and west to Mt. Hermon, California.

The presbyterial conventions which I have been privileged to attend every spring and autumn have always been a source of inspiration. The great annual convention fills our hearts with joy but the contact with the smaller presbyterial groups brings an intimacy impossible in the large convention. To know that each unit is functioning and eagerly doing its part is proof of our efficient organization.

The even closer contacts with churches and pastors at Thank Offering time, the small meetings with individual groups are cherished memories. Looking over old date books the names of officers and hostesses come to mind. I count them one by one as on a precious rosary. This service I shall hope to continue as I shall be more or less free from routine work.

May be some one is asking, Have there not been some difficult times? some troubles? Ah yes! There have been some problems. The "Bank Closing" was a tragedy. Nearly a third of our subscribers were so alarmed that they dropped their subscriptions as fast as they expired. It took us several years to recover the losses, and to get back to the former status.

Then we seemed to be going up and up when the price of paper and the cost of printing were going up and up. Our Magazine had always aimed to keep within its income except on the July-August Magazine but we had to ask for help. When the price of the Magazine was increased from one dollar to one dollar and fifty cents there was a great loss in subscriptions. The Board has met the emergency by giving a subsidy. However the tide seems to be turning. You noted our slogan for the convention, "Back to 16,000." The recent report of the "Shower" (see next month's issue) gives hope and courage for the year ahead.

Yes there have been disappointments, embarassments when the Magazine was late—very late, humiliations when errors were discovered, but these all vanished like troubling night dreams in light of the great joy and satisfaction in having a share in this constructive part of the work of the church of Christ.

The conviction deepens in my own mind that missionary information and missionary education are fundamental to the very life of the church.

If and when the plan of Christ as outlined in His Word is made clear to church members, and the need of the lost world is shown to them surely there will be a great upsurge of service, a great dedication of life and money to this, the greatest work in all the world.

Now to all friends and helpers along the way, let me express my deep gratitude.

"It's been my joy in life to find
At every turning of the road
The strong arm of a comrade kind
To help me onward with my load.

"And since I have no gold to give
And love alone must make amends
My constant prayer shall ever be
'God make me faithful to my friends.'"

Mrs. John P. (Anna P.) White

Questionnaire

1. Name the officers of the Sixty-fourth annual Convention of the Women's General Missionary Society.

2. Name the new officers for 1948-49.

3. Where was the Convention held?

4. Name the missionaries present from Egypt, India, Pakistan, The Egyptian Sudan.

5. Name the missionaries present from Alabama.

6. Who were the delegates from Miller's Ferry and from Tennessee? See Minutes.

7. Who is the new Home Missionary in New York Presbyterial? Directory.

8. What Indian girl has completed her course of study and is ready to teach? P. 716.

9. One chapel burned—another rising out of the ashed—where? P. 715.

10. In how many places do we have work in the Southland? P. 720.

11. What presbyterial delegates came in a chartered bus—and how many? P. 671.

12. What presbyterial had 17 delegates and traveled 700 miles? P. 671.

13. How many members of Young Women's Societies and Girl's Circles? P. 702.

14. Why is organization among the young imperative? P. 702.

15. Why Junior Societies and a Junior Missionary Magazine? P. 698, 700.

16. How many graduates from Frenchburg High School? P. 729.

17. How many graduates from Ezel High School? P. 732.

18. What was the total amount given through the WGMS to world missions? P. 650. See Treasurer's Report.

19. What nurse has been assigned to go with the Russells to the new field in Magi Ethiopia? P. 785.

20. What missionaries have returned to their first love? P. 783, 785.

21. What disease hindered the work in Egypt the past year?

22. What encouragement in the Bible Teachers' Training School? P. 749.

23. What new type of work has been introduced in schools and churches? P. 753.

24. How many girl graduates in P. M. I. the past year? P. 754.

25. In what way did girls of the College in Cairo make themselves useful in the cholera epidemic? P. 761.

26. What is the special need in the Ezbikeyeh School in Cairo? P. 764.

27. How many little ones in the Tanta Kindergarten? P. 766.

28. What is the "Bookmobile" and where does it work? P. 768.

29. How many village schools in the Doleib Hill area and how many pupils are girls?

30. What song is a favorite among children at Doleib Hill?

31. What type of work does Mary Ewing do? P. 799.

33. Name the Physician and Nurses at Nasir and tell how many patients were treated in the clinic. P. 798.

34. What changes have been observed in some of the Christians in Pakistan? P. 803.

35. What new activities have been introduced in the Bible Training Center? P. 803.

36. How did Indian nurses meet refugee emergencies? P. 816.

37. How fares the Avalon School in Pathankot, India? P. 813.

38. What kind of Thank Offerings

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Tributes

Mrs. Elvira Hutchman

The Women's Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of Mars, Pa., wishes to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. Elvira Hutchman who has been called to her Heavenly Home. After a lingering illness, although in poor health for some time, she continued her interest in and support of the church of which she had been a member for many years. Also, she was a life member of the W.M.S. Our loss is her gain. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Committee

Miss Belle Thompson

With the sudden death of Miss Belle Thompson, Grove City, Pa., a beautiful life has passed from our sight. She was the last of her family, yet always cheerful and smiling. Her life was a living example of faith. She was always found in Sunday School, Church, Missionary Society and Prayer Meeting. While we miss her presence we know she is with her God and loved ones.

Committee

Mrs. Mary White

It is with a deep sense of loss that we, the Women's Mission and Aid Society of the Second United Presbyterian Church, Jersey City, N. J., pay trbiute to the memory of Mrs. Mary White who was recently called to her eternal home.

We mourn her passing, not only as the loss of a personal friend, but also the loss of a loyal church worker. Her willingness to accent responsibility for the need of the moment, her consideration for others, and her genial personality made her beloved by all.

To her family we extend sincere sympathy and commend them to God's comfort and care.

The Committee

Mrs. Mary Thompson Fahnestock

The Women's Foreign and Home Missionary Society of the First United Presbyterian Church Northside, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, wishes to pay loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. Mary Fahnestock who recently answered the call of her Master.

She became a member of the First Church early in life and was loyal until the end.

For many years Mrs. Fahnestock was a member of the Missionary Society, and while not able to attend the meetings for some time because of failing health, she remembered the work of missions by her gifts.

We extend our sympathy to her son, sister and friends.

Committee

Mrs. N. J. Patton

The Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of Belle Center, Ohio, expresses its sorrow and its sense of loss of one of its faithful members—Mrs. N. J. Patton, familiarly known as "Miss Nina Glasgow," who passed away February, 1948, aged 93 years.

She taught music in the Belle Center homes and surrounding community for over fifty years. She had a pleasing personality, and was always deeply interested in matters pertaining to the church, especially the music and the members of the choir. She was the faithful pianist for the congregation for a great number of years.

Miss Nina lived as if her daily prayer might have been—'Our Heavenly Father, for another day, for another morning, for another hour, for another minute, for another chance to live and serve thee I am truly grateful."

To the members of the Patton family—who were always thoughtful of her—and to Mrs. Patton's niece, Mrs. Nina Pierce, who lovingly cared for her aunt during her declining years, we extend our sympathy and commend them to the Heavenly Father whom she served during her long life.

Missionary Society

Mrs. Mary E. White

The members of the Women's Missionary Society of Wallace Memorial U.P. Church in Washington, D. C., wish to pay loving tribute to Mrs. Mary E. White, who passed on, March 3, 1948.

Mrs. White with her quiet manner and willingness to serve whenever she could, was an inspiration for higher and nobler living. She was regular at all church services and did serve for eight years as a Home Missionary at Cedar Creek, Tennessee with her sister, Miss Ella Malone.

"We thank Thee, Lord, for memories dear—
The clasp of hand, the word of cheer
The little gesture, the ready smile
The kindly deed, the second mile—
These we have with us all the while.
We thank Thee, Lord, for memories."

Committee

Miss Jennie Carson

The Women's Foreign and Home Missionary Society of the First United Presbyterian Church, Northside, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, wishes to pay loving tribute to the memory of Miss Jennie Carson whom the Lord has called home.

Miss Carson was a faithful member of the Society many years, until failing health made it impossible for her to attend either the services of her beloved church or the missionary society. She was not only a member of the Society but an active worker, having served as Recording Secretary for many years.

The Church and Missionary Society sadly miss such members, but we are sure her Heavenly Father welcomed her with "She hath done what she could."

To the sisters and friends we express our sympathy and commit them to the Lord whom she loved and served.

Committee

Mrs. J. Howard Stevenson

The Women's Missionary Society of the First United Presbyterian Church of Crafton desires to express a sense of our deep loss in the death of one of our charter members, Mrs. J. Howard Stevenson. We wish to offer a tribute of love and appreciation to her memory.

Mrs. Stevenson was a charter member of the Crafton church and on the Board of Columbia Hospital.

Her life was one of simplicity, friendship and kindness.

We desire to extend to her daughter, Mrs. John Stotz, and her son, Mr. Robert Stevenson our heartfelt sympathy.

Committee

Mrs. Rachel Myers

The Women's Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of Northfield, Ohio wishes to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. Rachel Myers who has been called to her reward. Mrs. Myers was loyal to her society, a teacher for many years in the Sabbath School and a life-long member of the church.

To her loved ones we extend our sincere sympathy. Committee

Mrs. Ella Foster Logan

The Women's Missionary Society of the First Church, Long Beach, California, wishes to pay loving tribute to Mrs. Ella Foster Logan, who was taken by sudden death December 13, 1947.

She was the wife of Mr. J. H. Logan, member of the Session. They had just recently celebrated their 55th year of happy married life.

She was a faithful member and for many years efficient secretary of the Society.

We extend to the husband, son Harold and daughter Elsie, our heartfelt sympathy.

Committee

Mrs. Irene Froehlich

The Women's Missionary Society of the First United Presbyterian Church of Queens Village, N. Y., wishes to pay tribute to the memory of our beloved fellow-worker, Mrs. Irene Froehlich, who was suddenly called to her heavenly home.

Mrs. Froelich was a loyal member of her church, Vice President of our Society, and an ardent worker in the Girl Scout movement. She devoted many years to executive work in the missionary cause and was active in social and welfare work. She was a woman of many talents and was always ready to use them in the service of her Master.

We shall miss her kindly presence but know that she has "entered into the joy of her Lord". We commend her loved ones to the care of Him who has said, "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you."

Missionary Society

Mrs. Frank Kreger

The Women's Missionary Society of the Garfield Boulevard Church, Chicago, Illinois, wishes to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. Frank Kreger. For over twenty years she was a faithful member of our Society, twice serving as President. A firm believer in missions, the work of the Society was very dear to her heart. Her Christian character and her loyalty to her friends, will long be an encouragement to those who knew her.

Sixteen months before her death, Mr. and Mrs. Kreger had moved to White Pigeon, Michigan. Here she soon made friends and a place for herself in the church. We missed her when she moved to another earthly home, but we miss her even more, now that she has gone to her heavenly home. We have lost a dear friend, but her memory will long be a blessing.

To her husband, daughter and sons we extend our sympathy and commend them to the care of Him whom she served.

Committee

Mrs. Maude L. Holmes

Mrs. Maude L. Holmes, a charter member of the Women's Missionary Society, and for 65 years a member of the United Presbyterian Church of Ryegate, Vt., passed to her reward on March 6, at the age of 80 years.

Possessed of many natural talents and a happy personality she bestowed much on family and friends. The work of the church and missionary society, which were so dear to her, received loyal support to the end.

As a society, we grieve at her passing and know that life has been richer for having known and worked with her, yet rejoice because of the rest into which she has entered. Committee

Mrs. Caroline McKirahan

The death of Mrs. Caroline McKirahan on March 7 took from the Ryegate, Vt., Women's Missionary Society its oldest member at 95 years of age.

Although kept from active service for the past few years, her interest in the work that lay nearest her heart never lessened. From the time of her coming to Ryegate with her husband, the Rev.

J. A. McKirahan in 1905, she gave freely of her talent for strong leadership to the Women's Missionary Society and Vermont Presbyterial.

A teacher by nature and training, she held the respect and love of the members of the older women's Bible Class in the Sunday School. She survived by less than twenty-four hours the only remaining member of her original class, Mrs. Maude L. Holmes.

Mrs. McKirahan has left us a great heritage to serve as a guide and inspiration.

Committee

Mrs. Mary B. Hibbard

In loving memory of Mrs. Mary B. Hibbard who was called to her heavenly home on April 1, 1948, the W. M. S. of Riverside, California, sends this tribute.

A true friend, always loyal to her church and home, a fine Bible student and teacher, she was an inspiration to all. She loved children, inviting many to Bible School that they might learn of their Saviour.

W.M.S. of Riverside, California

Mrs. Anna Sparrow

We desire to pay a tribute of love and respect to the memory of one of our members, Mrs. Anna Sparrow who was recently called home.

Being an invalid, many months of physical weakness and suffering were borne with Christian cheerfulness, and as she faced the coming of death with true Christian faith and hope, she expressed great appreciation to her loved ones who cared for her in her long illness.

To her family we extend our sincere sympathy.

Women's Missionary Society
Clifton United Presbyterian Church
Clifton, Ohio

Miss Helen A. Wilder

Drexel Hill, Pa.

Miss Helen A. Wilder, for the past fifteen years a member of the United Presbyterian Church, Drexel Hill, Pa., died on Sabbath, April 25, 1948. Miss Wilder, after her graduation from the University of Minnesota, taught for a brief period at the Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, Va., before returning to her alma mater—Girls High School, Philadelphia, Pa., where for many years she was a member of the staff of the English department. While teaching she worked for and received her doctor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania. Following her retirement she located in Drexel Hill and joined the United Presbyterian congregation. Always searching for ways to be helpful, she immediately became a teacher in the Primary department of the Sabbath School where she served faithfully for ten years, meanwhile taking an active part in the work of the church and the Women's Missionary Society, of which she was a life member and for many years Literature Secretary. Miss Wilder was unfailingly generous in her opinions of others and was always cheerful. Although she was frail, her health continued good until within a week of her death. Her influence was such that she will be greatly missed; the place she leaves vacant will long remain unfilled.

Committee

We, the Womens Missionary Society of the First United Presbyterian Church of San Diego, Calif., wish to pay loving tribute to the following members who have been called to their heavenly home during the past few months:

Mrs. Isabelle M. Gordon
Miss Lena Ruth Boyd
Mrs. Effie Steele

Our sincere sympathy is extended to their loved ones.

Committee

Dr. Thomas C. Pollock

The Women of Philadelphia Presbyterial Missionary Society desire to pay tribute to the memory of Dr. Thomas C. Pollock, whose death occurred March 8th, 1948.

Dr. Pollock had long been the Pastor of our Oak Park Church, and a member of the Board of Foreign Missions. In all our Presbyterial Missionary activities we have been accustomed to lean on the inspiration of Dr. Pollock and the cooperation of his people.

We extend our sincere sympathy to his family and to his congregation.

"To thee it was given
Many to save with thyself;
And, at the end of the day,
O faithful shepherd, to come,
Bringing thy sheep in thy hand."

Philadelphia Presbyterial
Committee

Mrs. Joan Rosner

We the members of the W.M.S. wish to pay tribute to the memory of one of our members, Mrs. Joan Rosner, who passed away in Royal Oak, Mich.

Mrs. Rosner was a very sweet Christian character, gentle in her ways and unassuming. She was quiet, kind, sincere and her faithful attendance at our meetings, our Sunday School and church services will be missed by all. We shall cherish the memory of her friendly smile. And may her fine example of Christian living and faithfulness be a challenge to us all.

To her husband we extend our sincerest sympathy.

Committee

Miss Annie McClure

This tribute was read at the mother-daughter banquet of the Eaglson Circle, Grove U. P. Church, West Middletown, Pa.

"I cannot say, I will not say, she is dead
She is just away.
With a cheery smile and a wave of her hand,
She has wandered into a better land.
And left us dreaming how very fair it must be,
Since she lingers there."

Miss Annie McClure organized our mission circle as a group of young girls, and assumed the task of starting us on the path toward becoming a successful Young Women's Missionary Society, before she gave our sponsorship into the hands of our foster-mother, Miss Etta McClure. Always having close to her heart the welfare of her church and its growth, she listened to the call of God and served wherever she saw a duty to be done. Our church. our community, and this organization, especially will not soon forget the witness she bore to us by her every word and deed. She built her way heavenward on a ladder of love, each rung a loving thought, or an act of kindness. She worked faithfully in her section of God's vineyard. She had a simple and delightfully old-fashioned kind of faith in God, all too rare in today's world. She gave of her abundant store, not in worldly possessions, but in prayer, courage and compassion.

One of Miss Annie's most beloved selections from the Bible was the 23rd Psalm, which was read to her a short time before her death. In her memory now, I would ask you all to repeat it with me:

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
For Thou art with me,
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me,
Thou preparest a table before me,
In the presence of mine enemies.
Thou anointest my head with oil;
My cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life.
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord, forever.

Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth McFadden

The Women's Missionary Society of the Santa Ana United Presbyterian Church wishes to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth McFadden.

She attended church regularly as long as her health permitted. She was much interested in the church missions and was a charter member of the missionary society.

She will be remembered for her hospitality in her home.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family. Committee

Mrs. W. Guy Hamilton

The missionary society of the U. P. church of Milroy, Indiana, wishes to pay loving tribute to a former member for twenty-two years, Mrs. W. Guy Hamilton, of Monroe. Iowa, who died May 3, 1948. She was a faithful member of the church and deeply interested in mission work. With thanksgiving for her life with us, we extend deepest sympatthy to her husband and commend him to the Father, who doeth all things well.

Mildred B. Davis
Mellie P. Jackman

Mrs. Rachel Myers

The Women's Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of Northfield, Ohio, wishes to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. Rachel Myers, who was recently called to her reward.

Mrs. Myers was loyal to her society, a teacher for many years in the Sabbath School and a life-long member of the church.

To her loved ones we extend our sincere sympathy. Committee

Miss Marion MacArthur

We wish to pay tribute to Miss Marion MacArthur who was called home. Her zeal for missionary work was an inspiration to us, as well as her wonderful knowledge and understanding of the Bible, and her faithfulness in service in the Sabbath School and church for many years. We shall miss her, but our loss is her gain, for after her labors she has gone to that Home toward which she was ever looking. She has entered into the joy of her Lord.

Committee

Mrs. Robert Salmond

The Women's Missionary Society of the Fall River United Presbyterian church wishes to pay loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. Robert Salmond, who was called to her heavenly home.

She was a charter member of the society and a faithful worker in the church and an inspiration to all with whom she came in contact.

To her family we extend our sincere sympathy. Committee

Mrs. James McKelvie

To the memory of Mrs. James McKelvie, who was called to be with her Master, the Women's Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of Fall River wishes to pay loving tribute.

She was a loyal member of the church and an untiring worker for its cause. Her interest continued during her long illness and her influence will long be felt among us. She was a charter member of the missionary society.

To her loved ones, six daughters and two sons, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Committee

Mrs. James Allardice

The Women's Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of Fall River, Mass. feel a deep loss in the death of Mrs. James Allardice.

She was a charter member of the society and a faithful worker for the cause of missions. During her long illness her interest never failed. Her willingness to do the task before her and her cheering smile will leave a vacancy that cannot be filled.

To her husband and son and daughter our sympathy goes at this time.

Committee

Mrs. Julia Troop

We, the members of the Young Women's Missionary Society of the First United Presbyterian Church, Crafton, Pa., desire to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. Julia Troop who was called to her heavenly home May 9, 1948.

Mrs. Troop was consecrated to the Master, serving in her home, in her community and in her church. Hers was indeed a Christian life, full of joys and sorrows, pleasures and hardships.

In her quiet way she changed everything she touched into something a little more beautiful, a little less unbearable. After talking with her, one felt lfited up. She never failed to give a word of cheer, a touch of encouragement. Her friendliness, her willingness to help and share, her patience, her strength, her endurance—all of these qualities we saw and felt. Would that we might acquire them as she had!

We have lost much but she has reached her eternal goal. "Blessed are the dead who died in the Lord."

Mrs. Ruth M. Seitzer

Miss May Whetstone

Mrs. William Wilson

Mrs. John McBain

The Women's Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of Keokuk, Iowa, wishes to pay tribute to the memory of Miss May Whetstone, Mrs. William Wilson and Mrs. John McBain, who were called to their heavenly home within the past year.

Their faithful attendance to all the services of the church and especially to the Missionary Society will be greatly missed and remembered with love.

Committee

Mrs. George Hamilton

The Margaret M. Andrews Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of Chicopee, Mass., wishes to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. George Hamilton, who was called to her heavenly home January 31, 1948. She loved the House of God and her regular attendance at all Church services and also our Missionary meetings was evidence of this. Her friendliness, ready smile and quick handshake always seemed like an invitation to join in God's work. She will be greatly missed from the Church of which she was a member for over 55 years and to her family we extend our heartfelt sympathy and commend them to the Savior she loved and to whom she was faithful unto death.

Committee,
Mrs. Wm. Andrews
Mrs. George Holmes
Mrs. John Taylor

Mrs. Arthur Feldman

The Margaret M. Andrews Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of Chicopee, Mass., wishes to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. Arthur Feldman, whom God called to her heavenly home March 10, 1948.

Mrs. Feldman was President of our Society and a very faithful worker. She was a quiet woman, but always ready to do her part in any department of the Church. She will be sadly missed and to her family we extend our sympathy and "when sorrows' clouds pass away, may the rainbow of hope gleam for them and guide them to peace."

Committe,
Mrs. Wm. Andrews
Mrs. George Holmes
Mrs. John Taylor

Miss Margaret Laughlin

The Women's Missionary Society of the College Hill United Presbyterian Church, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, wishes to pay tribute to the memory of Miss Margaret Laughlin, who was called to her heavenly home on June 12, 1948.

She had an abiding faith in God, a love for His Word; and a sincere interest in the kingdom of her Lord and Saviour.

To her brother, we extend our sincere sympathy, and we commend him to the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Committee

Mrs. W. Guy Hamilton

The Westminster Circle of the Monroe, Iowa, U. P. Church pays loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. W. Guy Hamilton, who was called to her heavenly home May 3, 1948.

Mrs. Anna Jane Nickel

"God calls our loved ones but we lose not wholly
What He has given
They live on earth in thought and deed as truly
As in His heaven."

Members of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of Albia, Iowa wish to pay a tribute of love and esteem to the memory of Mrs. Anna Jane Nickel who was summoned to her heavenly home, by her Saviour whom she loved so well and served so faithfully April 2, 1948.

Mrs. Nickel's comfortable home was always open for Missionary meetings and a large attendance responded to her cordial hospitality. She will be missed greatly but her memory will be an inspiration to all of us for nobler and more worth while living.

We extended deepest sympathy to bereaved relatives and friends.

Mrs. Arie Klyn, Jr.
Mrs. S. W. Wilson

Mrs. Ethel Ramsey

The Women's Missionary Society of Atlantic, Iowa wishes to pay a tribute of love and respect to the memory of Mrs. Ethel Ramsey, who went to be with her Lord on New Year's Day, 1948. Her death was very sudden, caused by a heart attack.

We miss her but we know that she has gone to "dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Her friendliness and willingness to help in whatever way she could is a precious memory.

We extend our sympathy to her bereaved family. We commend them one and all to our Saviour, whom she knew and loved.

Margaret A. Bell
Mrs. J. H. Bailey

Mrs. Eva. Eckerman
Mrs. Hattie Bullock

The Women's Missionary Society of the Loveland, Colorado congregation wishes to pay loving tribute to the memory of two of its most faithful members—Mrs. Eva Eckerman and Mrs. Hattie Bullock.

Both were devoted to the work of the church and showed their devotion by contributing their time and financial support to its advancement.

Their presence and their help will be sorely missed in our missionary society. Their comfortable homes were ever open to our meetings. Their loyalty and their faithfulness are a challenge to us who remain.

We wish to further honor their memory by a gift in their names to the Old People's Home in Washington, Iowa and to the Girl's School at Tanta, Egypt.

Mrs. H. M. McClure
Mrs. J. H. Webster

Mrs. Floyd C. (Naomi Trout) Hoffman

On April 16, 1948, Mrs. Floyd C. Hoffman, victorious over suffering, answered our Lord's call to "Come up higher." Leaving her friends, generally and her family and the Missionary Society of the Scottdale church particularly, to cherish the memory of a life made strong by a rugged faith and beautiful by a gracious Christlike spirit. She now beholds his glory who said, "I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am."

The W. M. S., Scottdale, Pa.

Mrs. J. Elmer Waddle

We wish to pay loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. J. Elmer Waddle who was called to her heavenly home June 4, 1948.

Her passing has been a great loss to us, but we humbly bow to the will of God who "Doeth all things well."

She was the church treasurer for seven years. A most willing, efficient and faithful worker of our Women's Missionary Society and a Life member of the W. G. M. S.

Our sympathy goes out to the son and daughters and we commend them to the Saviour whom she loved and served.

Women's Missionary Society,
First United Presbyterian Church,
Xenia, Ohio.

Mrs. Ethel Waltz Tarr

The Women's Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of West Newton, Pa., wishes to pay loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. Ethel Waltz Tarr, wife of Henry C. Tarr, who was called home May 20, 1948.

Mrs. Tarr was a member of the United Presbyterian Church of West Newton, a member of the Missionary Society and of the Women's Bible Class. She attended the services faithfully as long as she was able. For several years before her death her health did not permit her to leave her home, but she was always interested in the work of her church.

We shall long remember her for her kindly manner and her patient and uncomplaining spirit.

We extend to her husband and family our sincere sympathy and commend them to Him who said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth on me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

Committee

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